

AIPS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

AIPS FELLOWSHIPS

AIPS awards Senior and Junior Research Fellowships to scholars conducting long-term (two to nine months) research projects. Fellows' abstracts and final reports can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

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1) Rachel Cochran – PhD Student, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Project Title: *Persianate Millenarianism: Musa Khan Dahbidi and Muslim Reform in the 18th Century*

Research Field: History

Location: Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, or India

Dates: TBD

2) SherAli Tareen – Associate Professor, Franklin and Marshall College

Project Title: *Longing for Revolution: Narratives of Emancipation in Modern Islam*

Research Field: Religious Studies

Location: London, United Kingdom

Dates: TBD

3) Sarah Waheed – Assistant Professor, Davidson College

Project Title: *Her City Disappeared Into Oil: Gulf Migrations, Urbanization, and South Asian Islam*

Research Field: History

Location: Pakistan, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi

Dates: TBD

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1) Zahra Khalid – PhD Student, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Project Title: *Securitized Residential Enclaves in Urban Pakistan: (In)security, Middle-Class Aspiration, and the “Military Real Estate State”*

Research Field: Geography

Location: Pakistan

Dates: TBD

2) Suneel Kumar – PhD Student, University of Georgia

Project Title: *Theorizing Deltas: A More-than-Human Ethnography of Indus Delta in Pakistan*

Research Field: Anthropology

Location: Pakistan

Dates: TBD

TRAVEL GRANTS

AIPS awards Conference Travel Grants to help support its members participating in invited lectures and conferences, both nationally and internationally. Abstracts and final reports for all Travel Grant awardees can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

FUNDED BY CAORC

1) Zahra Hayat – PhD Candidate, University of California, Berkeley

Conference Name: CASCA-AAA Annual Meeting

Conference Dates: November 20-24, 2019

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Title of Paper: *Itineraries of Intellectual Property-The Story of Sovaldi*

2) Michael Hirsch – Professor, Huston-Tillotson University

Conference Name: Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology

Conference Dates: October 2019

Location: Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Title of Paper: *On Doing Research in Pakistan: A Primer*

3) Shelby House – MA Student, University of Washington

Conference Name: The South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest

Conference Dates: February 28-29, 2020

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Title of Paper: *Taking Humor Seriously: Phone-Snatching, Comedy, and Vulnerability on the Streets of Karachi*

4) Ilma Qureshi – PhD Candidate, University of Virginia

Conference Name: South Asian Studies Association Conference

Conference Dates: Fall 2020 - TBD

Location: Rosemead, CA

Title of Paper: *Sufi Thought and Literature in Colonial North India*

5) Sarah Thompson – PhD Candidate, Stanford University

Conference Name: 2020 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association

Conference Dates: April 2020*

Location: Chicago, IL

Title of Paper: *Life Isn't a Highway: Measuring the Cost of Transport for Women in Pakistan*

*Due to COVID-19, the conference was rescheduled; updated travel dates pending

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1) Iqbal Akhtar – Assistant Professor, Florida International University

Conference Name: 3rd International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance

Conference Dates: November 5-6, 2019

Location: Karachi, Pakistan

Title of Paper: *The Khoja Fiscal Model for Equitable Islamic Banking*

SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANTS

AIPS awards short-term research grants to scholars conducting preliminary and/or exploratory research in Pakistan. These grants, funded by AIPS, support one to three months of travel in Pakistan. Scholars' abstracts and final reports can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

1) Hardeep Dhillon – PhD Candidate, Harvard University

Field: History

Project Title: *Indians on the Move: Law, Borders, and Freedom in the Twentieth Century*

Location: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

2) Muntazir Ali – PhD Candidate, Brown University

Field: Religious Studies

Project Title: *Between Samarkand and Delhi: Mapping Conceptions of Space and Belonging in late- Nineteenth and early- Twentieth Centuries Chitral*

Location: Pakistan

3) Sundas Amer – PhD Student, The University of Texas at Austin

Field: Asian Studies

Project Title: *Contesting the Canon: Women's Participation in the World of Urdu Poetry*

Location: Lahore, Islamabad, and Karachi, Pakistan

4) **Zain Mian – PhD Student, University of Pennsylvania**

Field: Comparative Literature and Literature Theory

Project Title: *The Poetics and Politics of Urdu Journal Culture in Pakistan*

Location: Lahore, Pakistan

5) **Zarak Sohail – PhD Student, University of California-Irvine**

Field: Economics

Project Title: *Do Remediation Classes Improve Student Learning in Developing Countries? Evidence from Pakistan*

Location: Pakistan

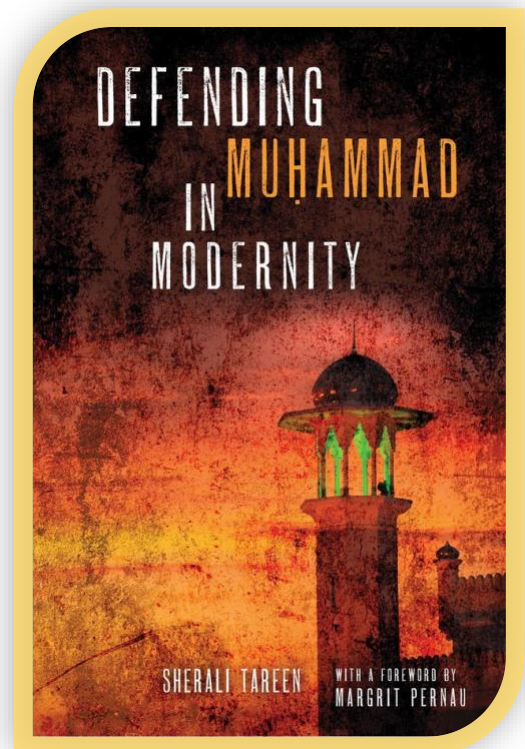
2020 AIPS BOOK PRIZE

Author: Dr. SherAli Tareen

Title: *Defending Muhammad In Modernity*

Book Description: In this groundbreaking study, SherAli Tareen presents the most comprehensive and theoretically engaged work to date on what is arguably the most long-running, complex, and contentious dispute in modern Islam: the Barelvī-Deobandī polemic. The Barelvī and Deobandī groups are two normative orientations/reform movements with beginnings in colonial South Asia. Almost two hundred years separate the beginnings of this polemic from the present. Its specter, however, continues to haunt the religious sensibilities of postcolonial South Asian Muslims in profound ways, both in the region and in diaspora communities around the world.

Defending Muhammad in Modernity challenges the commonplace tendency to view such moments of intra-Muslim contest through the prism of problematic yet powerful liberal secular binaries like legal/mystical, moderate/extremist, and reformist/traditionalist. Tareen argues that the Barelvī-Deobandī polemic was instead animated by what he calls “competing political theologies” that articulated—during a moment in Indian Muslim history marked by the loss and crisis of political sovereignty—contrasting visions of the normative relationship between divine sovereignty, prophetic charisma, and the practice of everyday life. Based on



the close reading of previously unexplored print and manuscript sources in Arabic, Persian, and Urdu spanning the late eighteenth and the entirety of the nineteenth century, this book intervenes in and integrates the often-disparate fields of religious studies, Islamic studies, South Asian studies, critical secularism studies, and political theology.

Author Bio: Dr. SherAli Tareen is an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Franklin and Marshall College. He received his PhD in Religion/Islamic Studies at Duke University and his BA at Macalester College. Dr. Tareen's work centers on Muslim intellectual thought in modern South Asia with a focus on intra-Muslim debates and polemics on crucial questions of law, ethics, and theology.

AIPS (CO)SPONSORED EVENTS

The following conferences, workshops and other academic events were partially or fully sponsored by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies.

1) Reception in Memory of Professor Muhammad Umar Memon

Date: October 19, 2019

Location: 48th Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)

At last year's Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI, AIPS hosted a reception, organized by Zahra Sabri, in memory of Professor Muhammad Umar Memon (1939-2018). It included tributes by Farhat Haq, C.M. Naim, Zahra Sabri, and Ali Akbar Natiq who also recited his poetry. Following the tributes to Prof. Memon, Farhat Haq introduced the AIPS 2019 Book Prize Awardee, Ammara Maqsood, and Akbar Hyder launched the Journal of Urdu Studies.

2) American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Dissertation-to-Book Workshop

Date: October 18-19, 2019

Location: 48th Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)

Co-sponsored by: CAORC, AIIS, AIPS, AIBS, AISLS

This workshop aimed to help a select number of recent PhDs to re-vision their doctoral dissertations as books. Originally part of the Annual Conference on South Asia, the workshop occurred virtually. The workshop was sponsored by the American Institute of Indian Studies, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, and American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.

EMBASSY-SUPPORTED FACILITATIONS

1) Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network Masterclass

Grantees: Dr. Audery Iffert-Saleem and Dr. Hassan Abbas

Research Field: Business, Global Security

Program Dates: November 18 - December 6, 2019

Summary: Dr. Audrey Iffert-Saleem and Dr. Hassan Abbas helped facilitate two workshops as part of the Pakistani-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN) Masterclass Program titled, “#PeaceLab: Promoting Regional Peace and Stability.” This 5-day program aimed to facilitate the creation of safer societies regionally and locally and connect young social entrepreneurs from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Dr. Iffert-Saleem presented a workshop on crowdfunding for Pakistani and Afghani entrepreneurs. Dr. Abbas gave his lectures on preventing and countering violent extremism in South Asia and building peace strategies. The program was made available to 100 alumni of U.S. government exchange programs from across Pakistan and Afghanistan.

2) **TechWomen Pakistan**

Grantee: Eileen Brewer and Cathy Simpson

Research Field: STEM, Entrepreneurship

Program Dates: February 26 - March 12, 2020

Summary: Eileen Brewer and Cathy Simpson conducted a series of over 30 talks, workshops, and sessions on topics relating to women in STEM and entrepreneurship in February and March 2020 in Lahore and Islamabad. The program's participants discussed new frontiers in STEM education and practices and how best to support women pursuing STEM education or entrepreneurship. Women made up a majority of attendees at almost all of the venues and were promised continuing support from the speakers in their pursuits of using STEM ideas and practices in start-ups. Brewer and Simpson also hosted five separate programs at various institutions across Lahore and Islamabad, including a panel discussion at the Government College University, Lahore, that featured four prominent Vice-Chancellors. These additional programs allowed the speakers to explore topics such as cybersecurity and STEM education for younger students. Participants in these programs were excited to use their knowledge and spread information at their institutions to further the program's reach.

3) **Digital Humanities Extension Programs**

Summary: Several follow-up programs have sprung from the 2019 Digital Humanities Exchange Program, sponsored by AIPS and the U.S. Embassy. Ayesha Akram hosted a series of three workshops in Lahore to continue conversations and training in Digital Humanities pedagogies. Akram's workshops focused on hands-on tutorials and Digital Humanities research, and she presented to over 75 participants across the three workshops. Ibrahim Khokhar hosted a one-day session on "Learning with Tools of Digital Humanities" at the Kamran Institute of Modern Science and Technology, Kandiaro. Dr. Sania Muneer also hosted a workshop on Digital Humanities at the University of Lahore. Participants in the Digital Humanities program continue to plan and host workshops and lectures to continue the conversations around Digital Humanities, and how it can be impactful in pedagogies and research.

4) **CSS Exam Preparation Series**

Field: US Political Science and History

Program Dates: June 30 – September 3, 2020

Summary: The CSS Exam Preparation Series was a six-part, virtual lecture and Q&A series administered to help candidates prepare for the Central Superior Services (CSS) Exam in Pakistan. The series was organized by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad and AIPS and ran from June to September 2020. Each session was divided into a fifty-minute lecture followed by a brief Q&A session. Each lecture was live-streamed, and recordings have been uploaded for later viewing.

- Dr. Eric Kasper, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
The American Constitution: Its Origin and Development
- Dr. Andre Audette, Assistant Professor, Monmouth College
U.S. Congress and its Mandate
- Dr. Dianne Pinderhughes, Professor, University of Notre Dame
The Civil Rights Movement
- Dr. Courtney Fullilove, Associate Professor, Wesleyan University
The Forces that Shaped Modern America
- Dr. Stacey Cordery, Professor, Iowa State University
Making America: The Society and Culture of the United States
- Dr. Andre Audette, Assistant Professor, Monmouth College
The U.S. Presidential Election

CAORC-AIPS 2019 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR: TEACHING PAKISTAN WORKSHOP

Participants: Sanket Desai (Montgomery County Community College), Becky Duckett (Gadston State Community College), Barbara Crain (Northern Virginia Community College), Paul Edleman (Sauk Valley Community College), Rajender Kaur (William Patterson University), Mike DeVivo (Grand Rapids Community College), Robert Soza (Mesa Community College), Sardar Hussein (2019 Group Leader; University of Texas at Austin)

Program Organizers: Glenn Corbett (CAORC), Claire Walker (CAORC)

Summary: Participants of the 2019 CAORC-AIPS Faculty Development Seminar in Pakistan gathered for a 2-day “Teaching Pakistan Workshop” on July 14-15, 2020. The workshop, organized by Glenn Corbett, sought to facilitate a discussion on the impacts and experiences of the faculty participants. After having traveled to Pakistan for a two-week exchange in June 2019, participants shared the outcomes of the program and how they have begun to implement their experiences into their curriculum and research. Each administrator/faculty member shared some of the highlights of their experience and how it translates to their campus and classroom.

POSTPONED & CANCELLED EVENTS

1) 10th Annual University of Michigan Pakistan Conference

Location: University of Michigan, USA

Date: April 2021 (tentatively)

The Annual UM Pakistan Conference is facilitated by Dr. Matthew Hull and organized by graduate students working on South Asia, in conjunction with the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS). The conference is an initiative aimed at fostering an alternative intellectual and political discourse on Pakistan. The 2021 conference will concentrate on the theme, “Religious Landscapes.” One featured session will be an exhibition with Dr. Claire Pamment regarding the contestation and articulation of gender, class, caste, and religious identity in Pakistani theatre.

2) Pakistan and Partition Through Bengali Eyes: Elias’s Khoabnma

Location: Johns Hopkins University, USA

Date: TBD (postponed)

The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Naveeda Khan at Johns Hopkins University, will host twelve participants. They will present and discuss one another’s papers on Akhteruzzaman Elias’s novel, Khoabnama, to produce pithy pieces and academic work on a figure richly deserving of more engagement. Graduate students working on related topics will be involved in the conference. The university will also advertise it to the broader public.

3) Faculty Development Seminar - “Religion & Culture in the Postcolonial City”

Location: Lahore, Pakistan

Date: Summer or Winter 2021 (tentatively)

AIPS recently selected its next cohort for the Faculty Development Seminar in Pakistan. This seminar, organized by AIPS with support from CAORC, aims to provide participants with firsthand experiences of various cultural sites and practices in Lahore, including its medieval walled city and its colonial architectural landmarks, as well as facilitating meetings with local scholars, artists, and others. Participants are faculty members or administrators of a community college or minority-serving institution, who seek to provide a global perspective to their students.

4) Research Encounters in Pakistan**Location:** Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA**Date:** TBD (postponed)

As a minority-serving and mostly undergraduate institution, MSU Denver will host an academic discussion on Pakistan, with conversations about research opportunities, study abroad opportunities, scholarly exchange, and Pakistan's cultural milieu with faculty and students. The conference, organized by Dr. Sanaa Riaz, will host Dr. Kathryn Besio from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, a minority-serving institution. Dr. Besio's talk, from the perspective of her area of expertise, Geography, will be followed by a discussion by Dr. Joel Gordon, Professor of History of the Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas.

5) Linguistic Anthropology: Mobilizing Key Concepts in the Context of Pakistan**Location:** Lahore, Pakistan**Date:** TBD (postponed)

The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Matthew A. Cook, Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk, and Dr. Elizabeth Keating, convenes an interdisciplinary and inter-university group of junior Pakistani faculty to introduce them to concepts from the theoretical toolkit of linguistic anthropology. The workshop addresses a knowledge gap about linguistic anthropology in Pakistan, where linguistics—instead of focusing on the country's rich language landscape—prioritize ESL and Chomsky's generative grammar. It is similarly marginal in Pakistani anthropology, which is mostly limited to the discipline's socio-cultural subfield. Due to this double "blind spot" in linguistics and anthropology, the workshop will benefit Pakistani participants from both of these disciplines. Participants from other disciplines will also profit from it by exposing them to linguistic anthropology's concepts for understanding language, culture, and society.

6) Before and Beyond Typography: Textual Production in Global and Multimodal Perspective**Location:** Stanford University, USA**Date:** April 2021 (tentatively)

The upcoming conference, "Before and Beyond Typography," explores the history of reproductive text technologies from a global, multimodal perspective. The conference brings together both established and emerging scholars. It will track the dynamic interplay between technological change and non-typographic printing in South Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa; and the vitality of non-typographic publishing networks from the early modern era through the present. Dr. Thomas S. Mullaney of Stanford University and Dr. Andrew Amstutz of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are organizing this conference.

7) AIPS Emerging Scholars Symposium**Location:** Madison, WI**Date:** October 2021

Previously scheduled for October 2020 at the Annual Conference on South Asia, the AIPS Emerging Scholars Symposium will now occur in October of 2021. This one-day conference brings together junior scholars from the Social Sciences and Humanities fields. It showcases the new research being done by approximately six to eight junior scholars in the field of Pakistan Studies. AIPS identifies senior scholars who will read the accepted papers and provide feedback, mentorship, and guided discussion after the presentations. These conferences have been central in enabling emerging scholars to network with others in their field and have resulted in significant outcomes, including multiple projects started, mentorships forged, articles written, and dissertations revised, edited and completed.

8) Writing Pakistan: Literature, Nationhood, and Identity

Location: Madison, WI

Date: October 2021

This AIPS-funded panel will take place at the 2021 Annual Conference on South Asia and is organized by Mushtaq Bilal, PhD candidate at Binghamton University. The panel seeks to investigate the relationship between Pakistani literature, nationhood, and identity by bringing together established scholars and graduate students working on Pakistani literature. Some of the questions this panel aims to explore: How is Pakistan as an Islamic nation imagined through literature? What kind of discourse of an “Islamic nationhood” emerges out of Pakistani Urdu literature? Who is a “Pakistani writer?” What role do Pakistani literatures play in crafting or contesting a “national identity?” How are minorities portrayed in Pakistani literatures? Two scholars, Muneeza Shamsie and Nasir Abbas Nayyar, will travel from Pakistan to participate in the panel. U.S. scholars on the panel include Cara Cilano, Ambreen Hai, Ulka Anjaria, Sameera Abbas, Rajendar Kaur, Zain Mian, and Mushtaq Bilal.

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