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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This past year started my second (and final) tenure as President with the support and well wishes of the entire AIPS community, for which I am extremely grateful. As an organization we remain committed to broadening our core mission of enhancing the study of Pakistan in US universities through academic workshops, fellowships, exchange programs and travel grants to conferences.

In August of 2014, the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu program started its first session at LUMS, Lahore. Despite initial hiccups, we had a fairly successful first year and are already recruiting faculty and students for the Fall 2015 session. In addition we have moved forward in organizing our workshop series in Pakistan. Three workshop series --- Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media; Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management; and Conflict and Peace Building --- are already underway and the fourth, Pakistan and Peace: Methods and Meaning will start this semester. All workshops have drawn junior faculty from partner universities in Pakistan and strengthened our scholarly linkages with

the academic community in Pakistan.

Further, AIPS has continued to provide small grants for workshops in the US and Pakistan, has supported a number of US-based scholars with summer research grants, and has provided funds for US-based faculty to assist with curricular and administrative needs of Pakistani universities. AIPS has also sponsored semester long academic visits to US universities by junior faculty and scholars from Pakistan. In the past year, AIPS has funded Pakistani scholars to present papers at conferences in the US and similarly supported US faculty travel to Pakistan to attend workshops and conferences. Finally, AIPS has received funds from the PAS, US Embassy in Islamabad, to enable US-based scholars, writers and public figures 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.

AIPS continues to be in conversation with our funding partners, whether CAORC, Government of Pakistan, US Department of Education or the US Embassy in Pakistan, on new ideas and academic programs. We remain grateful

for their support of our work and our long-term vision.

Looking toward the future, AIPS has initiated a series of three thematic workshops to discuss and debate the future trajectory of research on Pakistan in the coming decade. The first of such workshops is being held in early April, 2015 at the University of Michigan. AIPS will also organize a graduate student and junior scholar conference on Pakistan around the South Asia Conference in Madison in October of 2015.

My profound thanks to AIPS' EC, BOT and members for their support, advice and encouragement for what we have collectively achieved in the past several year(s). Of course none of this could have been possible without the untiring work of our two directors, Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar, and their staff. Their dedication, hard work and tireless effort deserve our collective thanks.

Thank you.

Best Wishes.

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News from the AIPS Vice President, Farina Mir

In December 2014, Farina Mir traveled to Lahore and Islamabad on behalf of AIPS. In Lahore, Mir did the following:

- The AIPS-BULPIP Urdu Language Program was wrapping up just as Mir arrived in Lahore. She took the opportunity to spend an evening with students and teachers, to learn first-hand of their experience on the program.

- She met with faculty at the Lahore University of Management Sciences.

- AIPS is planning to change the location of its Lahore facility. Mir examined a number of properties under consideration, providing feedback on their feasibility.

- Mir met with the newly appointed head of the Punjab HEC, Dr. Nizamuddin, and discussed existing AIPS programs with him, and

possible future collaborations.

- She examined the guesthouse facilities in Lahore, and found that the administrative changes that have been instituted there over the past year and are producing good results. The guesthouse has a pleasant environment, is well-maintained, and provided all required facilities.

In Islamabad, Mir:

- Met with Government of Pakistan officials who help facilitate AIPS work in Pakistan.

- Met with the Director of the National Documentation Center, Mr. Qamar ur Zaman, in an attempt to facilitate access for AIPS members and fellows.

- Met with the Director General of the National Archives, Mr. Munir Ahmed Chaudry, in an attempt to

facilitate access for AIPS members and Fellows.

- Met with the Cultural Attaché of the US Embassy, Judith Ravin, to discuss ongoing AIPS programs.

- Met with University Vice-Chancellors to assess needs in higher education in Pakistan.

- AIPS is looking into new facilities for its operation in Islamabad. Mir assessed a number of properties for their feasibility as a new AIPS Center.

- Met with AIPS Fellow Lubna Chaudhry.

Overall, it was a very fruitful trip, giving Mir a better sense of the full scope of AIPS operations in Pakistan, the challenges faced in promoting research by US scholars, and the opportunities to further AIPS's core mission.

AIPS Sponsored Workshop Series

AIPS received funding from the US Embassy for four workshop series to be held in Pakistan. Each series consists of three workshops and the four series are spread across different subject areas. Participants in each series have been selected in consultation with the Inter University Social Science Consortium (IUCPSS) and have agreed to attend all three connected workshops in order to gain the full benefit of the series.

The on-going workshop series are:

Ifikar Dadi, Cornell University, Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media

J. Mark Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management

Paula Newberg, University of Texas-Austin, Faculty Workshops on Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building

Yasmin Saikia, Arizona State University, Pakistan and Peace Studies: Methods and Meaning

Paula Newberg (UT-Austin) on her recent workshop *Teaching and Mentoring Workshop for Junior Faculty: Conflict and Peace Building*

In the first week of January 2015, we convened the second week-long session of the Faculty Workshop on Conflict. Our group – specialists in politics, sociology,

law, international relations and public policy -- met at the Rausing Center at LUMS (a great venue) to work through an ambitious program that focused on research and teaching on the intersections of conflict, rights and governance. Given events in Pakistan in the weeks before we met, the subject was particularly pressing, and workshop participants navigated a series of difficult research issues – theory, concept, policy and application – as well as serious questions about handling these issues in the classroom. As before, we alternated traditional textual analysis with case studies and simulations.

We were joined by two guests: Hina Jilani spent an afternoon discussing UN investigative methods involving rights in conflict zones --with a partial focus on Gaza, and an illuminating conversation about law and conflict in Pakistan; and Syed Iqbal Riza brought his extensive experience with the UN in Central America to our discussions of regional peace negotiations, rights, elections, post-conflict governance.



AIPS sponsored workshop led by Paula Newberg, January 5-9, 2015 at LUMS





J. Mark Kenoyer (UW-Madison) on his recent workshop *Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management*

The first of three workshops sponsored by AIPS and the Inter University Social Science Consortium was led by

Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with the assistance of the AIPS Director, Nadeem Akbar and his staff. The workshop was held for five days, from February 2 – 6, 2015 with sessions at the Ramada Inn, Islamabad and two field trips. The workshop was



AIPS sponsored workshop led by Mark Kenoyer, February 2-6, 2015, Bhamala Stupa

attended by 15 faculty (6 women and 9 men) from universities in Balochistan, Gilgit/Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh. The goal of the workshop was to strengthen the teaching of archaeology and cultural heritage in Pakistani Universities through the development of appropriate teaching pedagogy and goals.

The first session focused on the discussion of “pedagogy” and “Teaching Philosophy statements” as well as the ways to get students to think critically and creatively. Other topics of discussion included the History of Archaeology and its development in South Asia, how to teach archaeology and cultural heritage in the context of Islamic precepts, and the relevance of archaeology in the modern world.

In the second session, the major theoretical frameworks used in contemporary archaeology were presented and participants learned the basic steps needed to develop their own theoretical approaches. The rest of this session focused on developing teaching resources for courses on ancient technology and craft specialization, cultural heritage management, as well as database management for documenting and sharing data between scholars and between universities. Participants were provided a copy of the South Asian Archaeology Gazetteer that has been developed by Dr. Randall Law in collaboration with Dr. Kenoyer and other scholars in Pakistan and India. This is an online mapping tool linked to GoogleEarth, which allows teachers to show students where sites are located and to provide an overview of surveyed regions in Pakistan and India. All of the participants were excited to start using this tool to aid in teaching and research.

The third session was graciously hosted by Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan, Chair of the Taxila Institute for Asian Civilizations at Quaid-i-Azam University. This session involved active participation and observation in traditional technologies in the context of experimental replication of

pottery, beads, sculpture and textiles. The fourth session was held at the World Heritage Site of Taxila where excavations were being carried out at Bhamala Stupa under the direction of Dr. Abdul Samad (Director General, KPK Department of

Archaeology) and Abdul Hamid Chitrali (Hazara University, Department of Archaeology). This field trip was to expose the participants to an active excavation and conservation site. Each of them was asked to develop a site development and conservation proposal for developing the

site for tourism and for conserving the remains in a manner that is consistent with UNESCO standards.

The fifth and final day of the workshop focused on assessment issues and evaluation of their own teaching methods as well as the effectiveness of the workshop that had just been completed. Each of the participants was asked to

write up a short statement of what they learned and what they thought they could implement at their home institution upon their return.



A pottery demonstration at the workshop led by Mark Kenoyer, February 2-6, 2015

They were also asked to think of longer-term goals

for developing shared resources for teaching archaeology and cultural heritage that could be hosted on their department websites and accessed by other colleagues in Pakistan or other regions of the world.

Based on the positive emails from the participants and their postings on social media, it appears that the first workshop was quite successful. The next two workshops will be held later in the year, by Dr. Katie Lindstrom (UW-Madison) and Dr. Uzma Rizvi (Pratt Institute, NY).

Ifikar Dadi (Cornell University) on his recent workshop *Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media*

Domains of art and visuality are very salient to understanding the history and current state of Pakistan. These include the analysis of premodern, modern, and contemporary art and architecture, and study of popular forms and media such as cinema. However, the study





of all these fields remains underdeveloped in Pakistani academia. Even though the practice of contemporary art is blossoming in Pakistan, its systematic and historical study remains unevenly taught and researched in academic institutions.

An intensive 5-day workshop on art history and visual studies was conducted in Lahore Jan 19-23, 2015, and is the first of three planned one-week workshops addressing art history, visual and media studies, and architectural history. Led by Iftikhar Dadi, associate professor at Cornell University in the Department of History of Art, the workshop included twelve participants from various institutions of higher education from across Pakistan. Besides Dadi, the workshop was also led by two guest instructors, Zahid Chaudhary, Associate Professor at Princeton University, and Hammad Nasar, Director of Research at Asia Art Archive in Hong Kong. The remaining



AIPS sponsored workshop led by Iftikhar Dadi, January 19-23, 2015, LUMS
(Photo By: Nashmia Haroon)

two one-week workshops will be held at a later date and will include the same participants.

The workshop focus was on developing capacity of junior and midcareer faculty already interested in these fields, enabling them to discuss and develop questions of method, archives, and frameworks, which could then inform both their curriculum and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and also provide

them with frameworks useful in developing their research projects. The workshop ran for five full days, and included a methods seminar on modern and contemporary art in the mornings, followed by a writing workshop, and finally, an afternoon seminar on archival methods and curriculum development. Special thanks to guest faculty Hammad Nasar for discussing archival research, Zahid Chaudhary for leading the writing workshop and a seminar on photography theory, and to AIPS for making it happen.

AIPS Junior Faculty Mentoring Program

AIPS initiated the Junior Faculty Mentoring Program in 2013 with funding from the US Embassy. The program invites faculty members from universities in Pakistan to come to the US and spend four months at an AIPS Member Institution. Preference is given to faculty from institutions in Pakistan that are affiliated with the Inter University Social Science Consortium (IUCPSS), but we also accept nominations from Government agencies, National and Provincial Archives, and other academic institutions. So far seven Pakistani faculty members have participated in this program.

- **Shazia Aziz**, Kinnaird College for Women, spent Fall 2013 at Duke and North Carolina Central University (Research Field: Applied Linguistics)
- **Farah Naz**, Government College University-Faisalabad, spent Fall 2013 at Syracuse University (Research Field: Pakistan Studies)
- **Muhammad Shoaib**, University of Gujrat, spent Fall 2013 at Arizona State University (Research Field: Sociology)
- **Aman-Ullah Khan**, Quaid-i-Azam University, spent part of Spring 2014 at Arizona State University (Research Field: Applied Linguistics)
- **Ali Nawaz**, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, Islamabad, spent Fall 2014 at UT-Austin (Research Field: Education and Administration)

- **Maria Hassan**, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, spent Fall 2014 at UT-Austin (Research Field: Applied Linguistics and Writing Center Management)
- **Zahoor Ahmed**, Directorate of Archives, Noori Naseer Khan Cultural Complex, Quetta, spent Fall 2014 at UT-Austin (Research Field: Political Science and History)

AIPS anticipates receiving more fellows from Pakistan in 2015.

AIPS Mentoring Program: Maria Hassan Discusses her Placement at University of Texas-Austin

I am a linguist by training and teach university level writing, manage a writing center that I organized recently, and study Critical Discourse Analysis. My experience at UT-Austin was intellectually stimulating and personally rewarding. I visited writing centers around Austin, which deepened my understanding of how to run a successful writing center. I plan to incorporate what I learned into the writing center in Pakistan. Also, as a future doctoral student, the graduate level courses, in-depth discussions with faculty, along with seminars, graduate conferences and book talks that I attended, really helped me to shape my proposed doctoral project. Crucially, they honed my knowledge of Linguistic Anthropology- an area in which I had no prior





training and the ethnographic method that I plan on using in my research. Overall, my experience improved my critical thinking, learning capacity and the confidence to start my doctoral project. It also gave me some wonderful friends and mentors.

AIPS Mentoring Program: Zahoor Ahmed Discusses his Placement at University of Texas-Austin

My visit to UT-Austin proved to be a milestone in my academic career –improving my professional skills and helping me develop a better understanding of American

culture and lifestyle. I attended a “digitization of archives” class at the School of Information, participated in workshops organized by the South Asia Institute and Amnesty International, and acquired first-hand experience working in the University of Texas Libraries with books in all Pakistani regional languages. I helped sort and catalogue approximately 3000 periodicals and 20,000 books in languages such as Balochi, Sindhi, Siraiki, Pashto, Punjabi and Urdu. I also attended several workshops and seminars and made a number of professional visits to museums and libraries.

S. S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies

The Pirzada Dissertation Prize Committee congratulates Dr. Amber H. Abbas (Assistant Professor, St. Joseph’s University) on receiving the first S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies. Dr. Abbas’s dissertation, “Narratives of Belonging: Aligarh Muslim University and the Partitioning of South Asia”, was completed at UT-Austin under the supervision of Professor Gail Minault. The award ceremony will be held on April 25, 2015, at UC-Berkeley.

The Pirzada Dissertation Prize honors the best doctoral dissertation relevant to the study of Pakistan in the humanities, social sciences, education, or law. From 2015 onwards the prize will be open to anyone who has completed their dissertation in the previous year in the US, Canada or Europe. It comes with a cash prize of \$2,500. For more information about the Pirzada Dissertation Prize, please visit <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/pirzada-prize>.

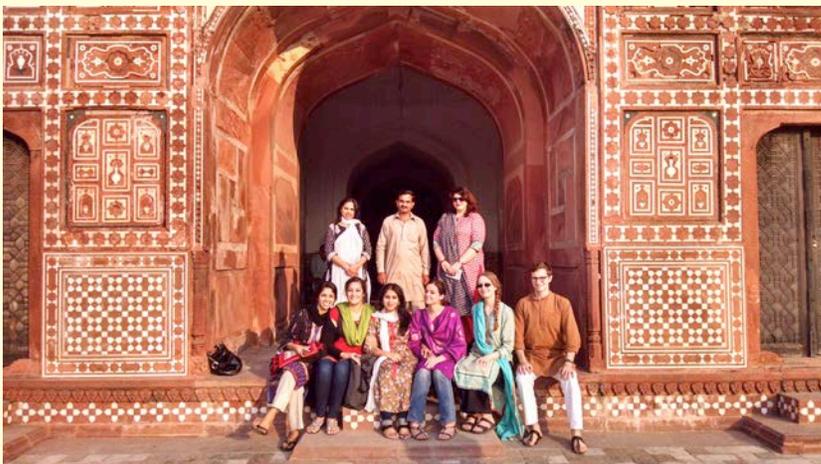


Dr. Amber H. Abbas, S. S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize recipient

BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Program

In the Fall of 2014, the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program hosted its first batch of students in Lahore. A cohort of six, these students came from a variety of disciplines (Art History, Asian Studies, History, International Relations, Near Eastern Studies, and Radio-Television-Film) and institutions (Princeton, Stanford, UCLA, UT-Austin, and the UW- Seattle). The students

spent approximately fifteen weeks on the campus of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) undergoing intensive intermediate-plus Urdu language training under the tutelage of two experienced Urdu teachers—Ishrat Afreen and Faiza Saleem—as well as a resourceful and committed Program Manager—Gwen Kirk. Students and program personnel alike needed to take basic



Students of the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program visited the tomb of the Mughal emperor Jahangir, Lahore

security precautions; yet, students did not miss any opportunity to explore Lahore, meet residents of the city, and pursue their research. By all accounts, a program highlight was a weeklong road trip to Islamabad, Taxila and Murree in early December. Said students, reflecting back on their experience: “I really enjoyed studying Urdu in Pakistan”; “my Urdu has improved by leaps and bounds over the past few months”; both Urdu teachers “cared deeply about the students”; “LUMS was a really comfortable space to live and work in”; “Lahore is a gem of a city”; and, “I would enthusiastically recommend the program to anyone interested in Urdu, Lahore and Pakistan”.

For more information about the program, please visit <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/BULPIP>





Keith Snodgrass, Speaking to BULPIP-AIPS Student Kelsey Utne

It isn't easy for an American to travel to and spend time in Pakistan these days. And given Western media coverage of the region, not many people prioritize it as a destination. Despite the obstacles and the common misconceptions of the country, Kelsey Utne was intent on getting there anyway. A student of Hindi and Urdu, she knew the value of immersion in developing her language skills. Previously she had lived and studied in India, but felt that her experience and understanding of South Asia was incomplete without visiting Pakistan.

Luckily, her first year at the University of Washington was also the first call for applicants for the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) program in over ten years. Administered jointly with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), this program had been closed due to post-9/11 security concerns. As the political situation has stabilized, the program has reopened and seeks to give American students the opportunity to study Urdu in Lahore, Pakistan. After applying last winter, she was awarded a fellowship to study on the campus of LUMS from August until December in the intensive Urdu language program.

“Living in Lahore was an incredible opportunity,” Utne says. Though classwork dominated much of her time, she and her cohort also climbed Mughal forts, visited Sufi shrines, and celebrated Eid. “My favorite classes were on current events, because it helped me to better understand the city and country I was living in. We read local newspapers and almost every week we each had to present on a current issue or news story. And there's a lot going on in Pakistan right now, so these classes also gave us space to ask for background information and clarification about ongoing issues.”

One of her most memorable experiences was celebrating Eid al-Adha, or Greater Eid—a Muslim festival which celebrates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael. “The night before it we went to the market to have mehndi put on our hands. It reminded me a little bit of the US winter holiday season with how the whole market was more festive, more crowded.” Traditionally families will purchase a goat or other livestock to sacrifice on that day, which is then portioned between the family, neighbors, and the poor and needy.

As for holidays back home, it was a little hard to be away for Thanksgiving. “I really missed my mom's cooking! In the

week leading up to Thanksgiving I was trying so hard not to think about her stuffing. But we were so lucky—Syed Babar Ali, the founder of LUMS, didn't want us to miss out on the holiday. Since Thursday was just a normal class day with homework and tutorials we did it on that Friday, but we had these exquisite turkeys that Babar Ali had ordered specially for us. They were delivered on a bed of French fries, which was to try to make them ‘more American.’ And then a good friend of mine hunted all over the city for ingredients so she could make a stuffing, which was just delicious.”



Students of the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program played cricket with AIPS staff at Kamran ki Baradari, Lahore

Due to security concerns, the students' movements were somewhat limited and, for the most part, they weren't allowed to travel outside of Lahore. But when there were exceptions, they were quite memorable. “Every day at sundown there is a ceremony at the Atari-Wagah Border between India and Pakistan. It's a huge event and tourists come from all over to watch it, wave flags, and support their country. A couple of years ago I had seen it from the Indian side, and I remember standing on my tiptoes trying to see as much of Pakistan as I could through the gates. It was really important to me that I be able to experience this event from both sides, and so I was so grateful when we were able to go.”

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Islamabad Center News

Mr. Nadeem Akbar, Director of the AIPS Islamabad Center, hosted a reception on December 9, 2014 for the visiting fellows of the Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program who were touring Islamabad at the end of their Fall 2014 program in Lahore. The reception was attended by a leading Urdu scholar, Professor Fateh Muhammad Malik (Former Chairman Muqtadra Qaumi Zaban), and representatives of Cultural Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Islamabad.

Nadeem Akhbar, Prof. Fateh Malik, Judith Ravin and Tanveer Hassan (both from the US Embassy-Islamabad) and the Fall 2014 BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program participants.



Mr. Nadeem Akbar hosted pre-departure orientation meetings with faculty members from Karakorum International University, Gilgit, and Fatimah Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, who received AIPS funding to travel to the University of Oregon-Eugene and University of Texas-Austin, respectively.

AIPS-Islamabad hosted a dinner reception for the participants of Professor J. Mark Kenoyer's AIPS-sponsored workshop, "Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management." The reception took place at the Ramada Hotel on February 5, 2015. Also present at the occasion were Dr. Nasser Ali Khan (Chairman, Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences & Humanities and VC, University of Harripur), Dr. Ihsan Ali (VC, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan), Dr. Parveen Shah (VC, University of Khairpur, Sindh), Mr. Jameson DeBose (Deputy Cultural Affairs Officer, US Embassy) and representatives of other private and public institutions in Pakistan.



Dinner reception for the participants of the AIPS-sponsored workshop led by Mark Kenoyer



Distribution of certificates to the participants of the workshop led by Iftikhar Dadi

AIPS-Islamabad also hosted a dinner reception for the participants of Iftikhar Dadi's AIPS-sponsored workshop, "Modern & Contemporary Art". Dr. Muhammad Nizammudin (Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission) and Dr. Sohail Naqvi (VC, LUMS) were guests of honor at the occasion. Both distributed workshop completion certificates amongst the participants.

The AIPS Islamabad office hosted a delegation from the University of Swat for a meeting with Dr. Anita Weiss to discuss future collaborations between University of Swat and University of Oregon-Eugene.





AIPS Advising Travel Grant

AIPS is periodically asked to provide expertise and names of scholars to sit on advisory committees for an increasing number of social science and humanities programs at Pakistani Universities. AIPS has a role to play in establishing world-class teaching and training programs in Pakistani universities and is supporting these institutions by providing seed money to bring in scholars from US universities as advisors for specific programs.

In January 2015, Professor Hasan-Uddin Khan (Roger Williams University) conducted a week-long workshop in Lahore for the faculty of COMSATS Institute of Technology, Architecture programs (Lahore and Islamabad). The objective of the workshop, titled “An Integrated Approach for the 3rd, 4th & 5th Year Design Studios”, was to improve the quality of studio offerings and pedagogy in the departments. As part of an ongoing plan for the B.Arch Program of faculty and curriculum development. The workshop was attended by twenty faculty members from the two campuses, including the new and former Deans, the Department Heads, and the Senior Advisor. The workshop was one in a series to review improved courses, which have been amended, consistent with the recommendations made to COMSATS in August 2014 by the External Advisory Board (EAB) of which Khan is a member. He also gave a public lecture at the Alhamra Center titled, “Cutting Edge Architecture in Asia” to some 150 members of the Institute of Architects of Pakistan. It is expected that another workshop involving the EAB will be held in May or June 2015, concentrating on teaching and delivery systems for the revised courses – a teachers training workshop.



Hasan-Uddin Khan with faculty from COMSATS (Lahore and Islamabad), January 2015

Fieldwork Reports: AIPS Fellowship Awardees

Waqas H. Butt (University of California-San Diego)

Short-term Pre-doctoral Fellowship (Funded by the US Embassy)

The Short-term Fellowship has allowed me to continue my dissertation research on waste, labor, and infrastructure in Lahore. As the first phase of my fieldwork explored the bureaucratic management of waste, through a network of social, political, and technical relations, I am now looking at networks other than the bureaucracy that emerge around waste of different kinds. One of these is the vast network of informal waste collectors who, on an almost daily basis, traverse the city to collect and dispose of waste from residential and commercial areas. Moreover, fieldwork in two katchi abadis, where informal waste collectors are settled, is tracing their individual and collective histories of movement, settlement, and work. The second network that I have been tracing has been the equally vast system of recycling. I have been carrying out fieldwork with junkyards (where waste is brought by informal waste collectors and others) and traders (those who buy and sell “waste”). This research, too, has focused on the different kinds of labor, from collection and sorting to buying and selling, that allow for waste to move through a network of relations, ultimately allowing it to be recycled, or made into something that is once again valuable.

Sameer Lalwani (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Pre-doctoral Fellowship (funded by CAORC)

With the AIPS junior fellowship, I was able to spend two months in London (Nov-Dec 2014) collecting research materials from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Records at the British National Archives and the Asia Pacific Collection at the British Library for my dissertation turned book project, “Selective Leviathans: Explaining State Strategies of Counterinsurgency and Consolidation.” The project seeks to explain how the social terrain of ethno-nationalist and civil conflicts—specifically the geography and identity of insurgent groups—shapes state strategies to manage, combat, and defeat violent challenges, and empirically focuses on conflicts in post-independence Pakistan and India. With this archival research, I was able to collect three distinct sets of materials and data: 1) third-party sources evaluating Pakistan’s responses to Baloch and Pashtun ethno-nationalist movements; 2) Indian and Pakistani tit-for-tat support of each others’ ethno-nationalist challenges and how that shaped threat perceptions and counterinsurgency strategies; and 3) historic state responses and strategies to ethno-nationalist mobilization and revolt during British colonial rule from 1857-1947. The archival portion of my research, supported by AIPS, will make a significant contribution to the book because it draws





on materials that have been under exploited by scholars studying Pakistan's management of civil conflict and rebellion.

Elizabeth Lhost (University of Chicago)

Pre-doctoral Fellowship (funded by CAORC)

As an AIPS junior fellow, I spent three months working at the British Library in London for my dissertation, "Between Community and Qānūn: Documenting Islamic legal practice in 19th-century South Asia." My project seeks to trace the lives and work of Islamic legal practitioners (namely, qazis and muftis) in the 19th-century. Pursuant to this interest, I worked with colonial records from the India Office relative to the appointment and management of qazis across the Bombay Presidency. While much has been written about efforts to translate and codify Islamic law in the 19th century, little is known about the appointment and function of qazis in this period. My preliminary research suggests that these appointees were not only important figures in the extension of British administrative measures to provincial areas of the Presidency but also remained important spokesmen and community representatives well into the twentieth century. During my fellowship period, I also consulted the British Library's collection of rare books, periodicals, and manuscripts from the subcontinent, including fatwa compilations and other ephemeral texts on Islamic law. AIPS support allowed me to access key resources for my dissertation project.

Christopher Candland (Wellesley College)

Short-tem Post-doctoral fellowship (funded by the US Embassy)

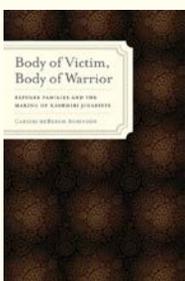
An award from the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) allowed Christopher Candland, Wellesley College, to conduct two one-day workshops, in Islamabad and Lahore,

in March 2014 with leading scholars and practitioners in the field of Muslim charity. An earlier AIPS award (2011) allowed Candland to conduct research in Pakistan which was the basis for a paper that he presented to the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists in Washington, D.C. on April 16, 2014, titled "First Responders: Muslim Charities and Human Security in Pakistan."

Ameem Lutfi (Duke University)

Pre-doctoral Fellowship (funded by CAORC)

With the help of the AIPS Pre-doctoral fellowship I was able to conduct six months of ethnographic and archival field research on the historical and contemporary practices of recruitment and deployment of Baloch military-labor in the Indian Ocean from the 18th century to the contemporary. In the 18th century large numbers of men from Balochistan's coastal belt of Makran moved to Oman, East Africa and Gujarat as military labor for the Omani empire and Gujarati traders/agriculturalists. With the arrival of the colonial government Baloch forces were replaced by colonial police in Gujarat and East Africa. However, in the Persian Gulf, recruitment practices not only continued, as in Oman, but were newly initiated, as in Bahrain. Today these avenues of recruitment have been further corroborated by new channels of military labor; through the Pakistani military and foreign recruitment agents. To trace these shifts and the texture of life as Baloch military-laborer, I have collected both colonial records on policing and Baluchi folklores on migration and service in imperial armies. Interestingly, many of the narratives I collected in the archives were retold during ethnographic interviews with Baloch police currently working in Bahrain. My research goes on to look at how such historical narratives shape the situated politics of Baloch men in the ongoing contest for claiming belonging within Pakistan.



AIPS Book Prize

AIPS was pleased to award Cabeiri deBergh Robinson, Associate Professor of International Studies & South Asian Studies at the University of Washington, the 2013-14 AIPS Book Prize for her book, *Body of Victim, Body of Warrior: Refugee Families and the Making of Kashmiri Jihadists*.

In *Body of Victim, Body of Warrior*, Cabeiri Robinson locates the lives of Kashmiri refugees within the complex political history of the region and within international definitions of refugees and human rights. Robinson's book problematizes the term "refugee" in a very productive manner and through the use of an engaging narrative she provides us a rich ethnography of the multiple labels - muhajir, mujahideen, and panah gazin that are interchangeably used for the Kashmiri in Pakistan. In so doing, the book does a very sensitive reading of the "body" in both socio-political and psychological/personal terms. At a broader level, Robinson's focus on the lives of displaced Kashmiris contributes to various fields (anthropology, history, political science, etc.) and provides a corrective to available literature on Kashmir, security studies, jihad, and human rights as well as the study of refugees. This expanded conversation is very useful for broadening the scope of the study of South Asia for a variety of audiences.





Fieldwork Reports: 2014 Summer Research Grant Awardees

Maria-Magdalena Fuchs (Princeton University)

In July and August 2014, I visited Lahore for a short research trip in preparation for my dissertation project, which investigates how Muslim associations (so-called Anjumans) contributed to the creation of an Urdu public sphere in late colonial Punjab by pushing for educational, social, and religious reforms. Even though the stand-off between opposition politicians and the Pakistani government last summer caused major disruptions to life in Lahore, my trip was very productive. The Punjab Public Library proved a treasure house for the topic I am researching. The chief librarian, Mrs. Azra Usman, supported my project whole-heartedly. I was able to locate a lot of relevant material, including membership registries, annual reports, and general publications by several Anjumans, as well as Urdu periodicals. The material I was able to collect at the PPL will form the core of my dissertation, supplemented by sources from smaller archives in Lahore, as well as state archives in India and Great Britain.



Maria-Magdalena Fuchs and Simon Wolfgang Fuchs in Pakistan

Pei-ling Huang (Harvard University)

Last year I conducted preliminary dissertation research in Bhit Shāh, Sindh for six weeks, with the support of the AIPS Summer Research Grant. I am interested in the Shāh Jo Rāg, the oral musical tradition performed by the faqīrs at the shrine of Shāh Abdul Latīf Bhittai. Around 100 faqīrs form groups to sing and play the accompanying dambūro at the shrine every day. During this trip I was able to record different renditions of 29 out of the 31 surs (chapters) of the Shāh Jo Risālo, the compilation of Shāh Latīf’s poetry, and found that the orally transmitted version of the Risālo is quite different from the ones in published volumes. I was lucky to find and apprentice with my ustād Rasūl Dino ‘Araf Faqīr Mantār Junejo, a faqīr with 35 years of experience. This trip helped me realize the immense richness of this musical tradition, one that I would like to continue exploring for my Ph.D. research.



Pei-ling Huang taking a lesson with her ustād Rasūl Dino ‘Araf Faqīr Mantār Junejo (left) and his daughter Ghulām Sakina (right) in Bhit Shah

Syeda ShahBano Ijaz (New York University)

The AIPS Summer Research Grant enabled me to assess the availability of current data sources on Pakistan’s Internally Displaced People (IDPs). I traveled to Islamabad, where I was able to establish contact with organizations that collate data, not only on IDP camps but also on those IDPs living off camps. These connections allowed me to see how pertinent research on IDPs can be and also helped me identify major gaps in data collection. For example, although IDP vulnerability indices are being collated, there isn’t much work being done on the political and economic reintegration of IDPs. The AIPS Summer Grant made it possible for me to conduct an exploratory trip, which I hope will turn into a substantive research project that forms part of my eventual PhD dissertation.

Sohaib Khan (Columbia University)

With this funding from AIPS, I travelled to Pakistan in December 2014 to undertake preparatory research for my project tentatively titled “From Fatwas to Finance: An Ethnography of Shari’ah Compliant Banking in Pakistan.” I was able to establish contacts at Islamic banks and secure consent from potential research participants. My goal is to do a close ethnographic study of two institutional nodes in the Islamic finance network: the madrasah and the Islamic bank. On this trip, I met with Shari’ah experts at the grand madrasah of Dar ul-Ulum Karachi and with Product Development Specialists working at Islamic banks in Karachi and Lahore. Both experts develop banking products by negotiating a compromise between religious restrictions on interest and market imperatives of financial competitiveness. Through textual and ethnographic immersion, I hope to shed more light on religious imaginaries of capital in Pakistan. My project is currently pending IRB approval and I hope to begin fieldwork by Spring 2016.

SherAli Tareen (Franklin & Marshall College)

With the help of the AIPS summer research grant I was able to conduct initial research on a book project “Revolutionary Hermeneutics: Narratives of Emancipation in Modern South Asian Islam” that examines the religious and political thought of an important but less studied twentieth century Indian Muslim scholar ‘Ubaydullah Sindhi (d.1944). More specifically, this project explores ways Sindhi presented and translated the Qur’an as a manifesto for a socialist proletariat revolution. The AIPS grant allowed me to conduct crucial data collection and research. I thank the AIPS for this opportunity.





AIPS Summer Research Grantees (2014)

Ahsan Kamal

Field: Political and Cultural Sociology

Affiliated Institution: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Emily Richardson

Field: International Educational Development - Policy & Planning

Affiliated Institution: Columbia University

Farhan Yousaf

Field: Sociology

Affiliated Institution: University of Connecticut

Iqbal Akhtar

Field: Religious Studies

Affiliated Institution: Florida International University

Joshua Gill

Field: Agriculture Economics

Affiliated Institution: Michigan State University

Maria-Magdalena Fuchs

Field: Religion

Affiliated Institution: Princeton University

Pei-ling Huang

Field: Ethnomusicology

Affiliated Institution: Harvard University

Saad Gulzar

Field: Political Science

Affiliated Institution: New York University

Sahar Naqvi

Field: Religious Studies

Affiliated Institution: Florida International University

SherAli Tareen

Field: Religious Studies

Affiliated Institution: Franklin and Marshall College

Travel Grant Awardees (March 2014- February 2015)

International (US to Pakistan):

David Gilmartin

North Carolina State University

Matthew Nelson

School of Oriental and African Studies

Christopher Candland

Wellesley College

Anita Weiss

University of Oregon

Ulka Anjaria

Brandeis University

Muhammad Umar Memon

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Golam Mathbor

Monmouth University

Bandana Purkayastha

University of Connecticut

Elena Bashir

University of Chicago

Matthew Cook

North Carolina Central University

Will Glover

University of Michigan

Sean Pue

Michigan State University

Hasan-Uddin Khan

Roger Williams University

Sohaib Khan

Field: Middle Eastern, South Asia, and African Studies

Affiliated Institution: Columbia University

Syeda ShahBano Ijaz

Field: Politics

Affiliated Institution: New York University

International (US to other parts of the world):

Abdul Haque Chang

University of Texas-Austin

Farhan Yousaf

University of Connecticut

Sahar Khan

University of California-Irvine

Robert Nichols

Richard Stockton College

Domestic:

Katie Lindstrom

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Isabel Huacuja

University of Texas- Austin

Yelena Biberman

Brown University

Venkat Dhulipala

University of North Carolina-Wilmington

Sheetal Chhabria

Connecticut College

Roanne Kantor

University of Texas-Austin

SherAli Tareen

Franklin and Marshall College

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International Conference/Lecture Support (US and Pakistani travelers)

As academic budgets have been squeezed at most major universities, scholars of Pakistan Studies have not been receiving travel funds in general and specifically not for international travel. This lack of exchange of ideas, knowledge and expertise cripples scholars in both Pakistan and the US. AIPS has sought to reallocate fellowship funding on a US Embassy-sponsored Grant in order to support US and Pakistani scholars international travel to Pakistan or the US to present papers or give lectures at scholarly conferences and/or academic institutions.

International (Pakistan to the US):

Rehmat Karim, Karakoram International University
Conference: Mobile Seminar on Planning and Managing Tourism in Protected Areas at Colorado State University
Date: September 10-25, 2014

Fakhira Khanam, Akhtar Hameed Khan Resource Center
Conference: 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice at Columbia University
Date: September 17-18, 2014

M. Ashraf Khan, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations at Quaid-i-Azam University
Conference: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)
Date: October 16-19, 2014

Asma Ibrahim, Museum and Art Gallery-State Bank of Pakistan
Conference: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)
Date: October 16-19, 2014

Bilal Tanweer, Lahore University of Management Sciences
Conference: Invited talks at Columbia University
Date: October 2014

Kaleemullah Lashari, Management Board of Antiquities-Government of Sindh
Conference: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia Conference (Madison, WI)
Date: October 16-19, 2014

Ghani-ur Rahman, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations at Quaid-i-Azam University
Conference: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)
Date: October 16-19, 2014

Hafeez Ahmed Jamali, Department of Culture-Government of Balochistan
Conference: Invited Talks at Georgetown University
Date: December 3-4, 2014

Imam Uddin, DHA Suffa University
Conference: Florida International University's Department of Religious Studies biannual Islamic Civilization Series
Date: March 30, 2015

Haris Gazdar, Collective for Social Science Research
Conference: Annual Pakistan Conference at University of Michigan
Date: April 3, 2015

Framji Minwalla, Institute of Business Administration-Karachi
Conference Name: Annual Pakistan Conference at University of Michigan
Date: April 3, 2015

Rabia Nadir, Lahore School of Economics
Conference Name: Annual Pakistan Conference at University of Michigan
Date: April 3, 2015

Livia Holden, Karakoram International University
Conference: 1) Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, 2) two additional invited scholarly presentations during her stay in the US: one at the University of Washington and the other at the University of Oregon.
Date: May 2015

Akmal Hussain, Forman Christian College
Conference: Workshop on climate change and development in South Asia, University of Texas at Austin
Date: May 5-7, 2015





Pakistan Scholar International Travel Support

AIPS sponsored the visit of novelist Bilal Tanweer (Assistant Professor, LUMS) in October 2014 to Columbia University. In New York, Tanweer visited two classes focused on South Asian history and participated in a public event. The event focused on the debut of Tanweer's novel *The Scatter Here is Too Great* (2014) and featured a conversation on the City in the South Asian context. There was a lively audience and the conversation touched on issues such as fiction's responsibility to urbanity. Tanweer went on to do readings in San Francisco and at UC Berkeley.



Funding Opportunities with AIPS

AIPS offers several types of fellowships and travel grants to AIPS Individual Members, which are funded by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the US Embassy in Pakistan:

- Short and Long-term Post-Doctoral Fellowships
- Short and Long-term Pre-Doctoral Fellowships
- Summer Research Grants
- Domestic Conference Travel Grants
- International Conference Travel Grants

AIPS also offers a number of funding opportunities to Institutional Members for various academic programs. Visit the AIPS website to learn more about our current sponsored programs and funding opportunities.

AIPS Election Results

In the Spring of 2014, the AIPS Board of Trustees (BoT) re-elected Kamran Ali to a second three-year term as President. Also, in the Fall of 2014, an election was held for one At-Large Trustee seat on the BoT. Walter Hakala was elected to this seat by the General Membership. He joins Uzma Rizvi, Matthew Nelson, and Mehr Farooqi on the BoT, representing the individual members of AIPS. Their

contact information can be found on the AIPS website, along with the other members of the BoT who represent the Member Institutions.

AIPS is pleased to announce that the individual membership is now over 90 individuals! Per the AIPS bylaws, there is one At-Large (General Member) Trustee for every 20 individual members, so we currently have 4 At-Large Trustees representing the

Individual members. The BoT looks forward to welcoming an additional At-large Trustee when our membership grows to 100+. The 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 graduate students and colleagues to join and become involved in keeping the AIPS a vibrant scholarly organization.

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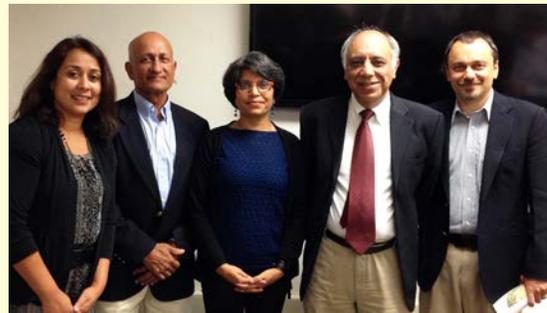


Member Institute News

University of California-Berkeley

The Berkeley Pakistan Initiative has had a very busy year. In August 2014, it successfully re-launched, in partnership with AIPS, the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) (for more details, see other articles). The Berkeley Pakistan Initiative and the Institute for South Asia Studies co-hosted several Pakistan-focused events, including the “Pakistan Writers Series” which featured readings and conversations with acclaimed authors Muhammad Hanif, Mohsin Hamid and Bilal Tanweer. In October, the annual “Mahomedali Habib Distinguished Lecture on Pakistan” invited Dr. Ayesha Siddiqi (author of *Military Inc.*) to Berkeley to spend a week on campus, and to present a talk focused on religion, state and society in contemporary Pakistan. Other guest speakers over the past twelve months have included: Dr. Anjum Altaf (Provost, Habib University) who presented on the crisis of education in Pakistan; Dr. Iftikhar Dadi (Associate Professor, Cornell University) who gave a talk about Urdu cinema in 1950s Pakistan; Mr. Saqib Mausoo (director) who screened his film *Kala Pul*; Dr. T.V. Paul (Professor, McGill University) who discussed his 2014 book, *The Warrior State*; and Dr. Mona Sheikh (Researcher, Danish Institute of International Studies) who shared her thoughts on Pakistan government negotiations with the Taliban. Dr. Sheikh was a visiting research scholar at the Institute of South Asia Studies in the summer of 2014 as well. In early February 2015,

the Berkeley Pakistan Initiative and TCF (The Citizen’s Foundation) held a one-day conference focused on the challenges facing Pakistan’s educational system as well as possible solutions. Speakers included: Adil Ajmal, Shashi Buluswar, Salman Humayun, Ameen Jan, Umair Khan, Bilal Musharraf, Irfan Muzaffar, Sanaa Riaz and Amjad Noorani. Planned for late February 2015 is another conference, this one focused on security in Pakistan, widely conceived to include the vulnerabilities surrounding access to food and safe water, urban dysfunction, corruption, land tenure, legal access, rising religious nationalism and economic weakness. For more information about the Berkeley Pakistan Initiative, please visit: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/berkeley-pakistan-initiative>



Sanchita Saxena, Amjad Noorani, Saba Mahmood, Anjum Altaf, Munis Faruqui of UC-Berkeley

University of Michigan

In April 2014, the University of Michigan hosted the 4th annual U-M Pakistan Conference, “Cultures of Activism: Arts, Expression, and Pakistan.” Organized by the Pakistani Students’ Association, in collaboration with the Center for South Asian Studies, this year’s conference focused on activism, with an emphasis on art and urban culture. The conference featured talks by three eminent Pakistanis, each a force in his/her respective field. The conference opened with a talk and multimedia presentation by Sabeen Mahmud, founder of The 2nd Floor Café (T2F) in Karachi, a project of PeaceNiche. T2F is a community space for open dialogue and provides Pakistan’s citizens with a platform for social change through rich cultural activities, public discourse, and advocacy using progressive ideas and new media.

The second speaker of the day was Arif Hasan. Based in Karachi, Hasan is an architect, planner, activist, social researcher, and writer. He is the recipient of a Hilal-i-

Imtiaz, Pakistan’s highest award for its citizens. Since 1982, he has been involved with the Orangi Pilot Project (OPP), which focuses on development in urban slums, and is the founder Chairman of the Urban Resource Centre (URC), Karachi, since its inception in 1989. Hasan spoke about his career, how he turned to addressing urban problems, and discussed specific development projects he has been involved with. The day’s third speaker added a different dimension to the discussion on activism. Shazia Sikander is a renowned artist. Sikander discussed her overall trajectory as well as some recent works, including an animated short film that she screened.

The discussion with each of the speakers centered on the role of activism in their practice, and how they see their work impacting Pakistani society. The conference closed with a screening of “These Birds Walk”, directed by Omar Mullick and Bassam Tariq. The celebrated 2013 documentary examines the work of the Edhi Foundation, a Pakistani charity, by tracing the life of a runaway boy.





The conference attracted well over 100 people over the course of the day, and was marked by engaging discussion about the breadth of activities through which Pakistanis are addressing contemporary social and political problems, and reshaping their society.

This spring, UM will host the 5th annual U-M Pakistan conference, on “New Media and Social Change in Pakistan,” as well as the U-M-AIPS conference on “The Future of Pakistan Studies.”

Sarah Lawrence College

Sarah Lawrence College received 2 grants from AIPS during the 2014-15 year: the first was a \$4000 grant towards a conference on Pakistan, held at our College in April. The second was a PLS grant that allowed us to bring the renowned Pakistani journalist, Zahid Hussain, to our campus. During his stay in the U.S., Mr. Hussain also visited 2 other campuses, Monmouth College and the University of Texas at Austin. This article briefly reports on each of these, starting with the latter.

Mr. Hussain’s trip coincided with the conference at the College, he was a speaker at the final open session of the conference. His talk, Reporting Conflict, dealt with the challenges facing journalists in the contemporary media context, where violence is endemic especially in the northern areas of Pakistan. His talk was well received. In addition to his talk, Mr. Hussain was also part of an informal series of conversations that occurred among participants to our conference, “Re-envisioning Pakistan: The Political Economy of Social Transformation.”

The conference, Re-envisioning Pakistan, referenced above, was held at Sarah Lawrence College from April 4-6, 2014. The first two days were open sessions, followed by a closed half-day session on April 6, to determine next steps, following the conference. The conference’s primary aim was to analyze Pakistan’s current situation through a historical and political economy lens. The conference was genuinely international: 10 of the panelists came from different parts of Pakistan, 1 from Singapore, 3 from the U.K., and one from Germany. Most other speakers were either professors and/or students in universities throughout the U.S. The discussants, with two exceptions were based in universities in the NYC area. Not only was this the first conference on Pakistan to be held at Sarah Lawrence College, but it was the first such conference at the College period. And while the costs far exceeded the grant we received from AIPS, it would not have been possible to generate further funding without AIPS’s initial support.

Speakers to the conference included academics,

journalists, filmmakers, writers and activists, all of whom touched on themes related to the conference theme. Among the issues addressed were those of power, at the level of the state, non-state actors, and civil society. Questions of resources including infrastructure, land, class, regional and gender inequalities, were also addressed by numerous speakers. Another prominent theme was that of borders, both physical and material, as well as symbolic and representational. The prominent Pakistan human rights and women’s rights advocate, Ms. Hina Jilani was the keynote speaker.

Close to 300 people attended the conference over its two public days (April 4-5). They came from all over the tri-state area. In addition, over 500 individuals viewed the live streaming of the conference that was offered for the first day (unfortunately funds did not permit us to offer live streaming for the entire conference). These viewers, while predominantly from the U.S. also included individuals based in Pakistan, the U.K., Canada, India, Brazil, Italy, Germany, Mexico and Australia. The live streaming was kept alive even after the conference ended, and continued to generate further viewership even after the conference was over.

Subsequent to the conference, Sarah Lawrence College arranged for the online e-zine, Tanqeed, to initiate a series of conversations that emanated from the conference. The first of these, on infrastructure, was undertaken and available to readers last fall. We hope more of these will happen in the near future. We are also in the process of preparing Proceedings of the conference, which we hope to disseminate later this year. In short, this conference was not only very successful in drawing attention to critical scholarship on Pakistan both for those based at our campus, but also reached a larger audience nationally and internationally. We hope this momentum can be sustained by future events at our campus, and with generate greater awareness and scholarship on the dynamics of change in Pakistan.





North Carolina Central University and North Carolina State University

AIPS-Sponsored Conference: “Dislocating Pakistan: Reconstituting People, Reconstituting Space” Conference-Workshop held at NC Central University (Durham) and NC State University (Raleigh) on April 11-12, 2014.

North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and North Carolina State University (NCSU) held a joint conference-workshop on contemporary approaches to Pakistan Studies. It met at NCCU on April 11 and at NCSU on April 12. David Gilmartin (NCSU), Matthew A. Cook (NCCU) and Iqbal Sevea (UNC, CH) organized the conference-workshop.

In addition to its three organizers, Cabeiri Robinson (University of Washington, Seattle), Robert Nichols (Richard Stockton College) and Venkat Dhulipala also presented research. Raisur Rahman and Charles Kennedy, from Wake Forest University, were panel discussants. The conference-workshop’s presentations and discussions focused on ways to move Pakistan Studies beyond the nation-state as a frame for analysis while, simultaneously, stressing how the idea of Pakistan idea “reconstituted” the ways that local, regional and diaspora spaces/people are conceptualized. Specific papers focused on changing patterns of migration, what it means to be a “refugee,” politics and perceptions about the natural environment, language and the reconfiguration of caste, film and popular cultural identity and nationalism/subversion. The conference-workshop also included keynote lecture by Alyssa Ayers (former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia and, now, Senior Policy Analyst at the Council on Foreign Relations). Ayers’ lecture addressed the importance and practicalities of academic and policy careers that relate to Pakistan Studies.



Alyssa Ayers, Keynote speaker at the NCCU/NCSU conference

Upcoming AIPS-Sponsored Conference: “Locally Sourced in Pakistan: Recovering the Local in History, Culture and Politics” Workshop to be held in Islamabad on June 26-27, 2015.

Matthew A. Cook (North Carolina Central University), David Gilmartin (North Carolina State University) and Zulfikar Ali Kalhoro (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics) co-organized a workshop planned for June 26-27, 2015. With support from the American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, a major aim of the workshop will be to identify and describe local histories, cultures and politics, and to probe their importance for understanding modern and contemporary Pakistan. The workshop is based on the assumption that greater attention to the local will significantly enrich recent Pakistani history. It is also based on the fact that there is a large storehouse of local knowledge and sources that has often been bypassed in the search for Pakistan’s larger and centralized national narratives. In addition to the workshop’s three organizers, Nida Kirmani (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Nukhbah Langah (Forman Christian College University), Aqsa Ijaz (Government College University, Lahore), Hafeez Jamali (Balochistan State Archives), Ahmed Azhar (Lahore School of Economics) and Cara Cilano (University of North Carolina, Wilmington) plan to give presentations. The workshop will also integrate junior scholars in Pakistan, who are writing and/or who recently completed a dissertation, as panel discussants.

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

AIPS Welcomes Four New Institutional Members!

AIPS has four new institutional members! Florida International University, Boston Architectural College, Boston University and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington were awarded membership. AIPS welcomes these new members!





Member News & Publications

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL AIPS MEMBERS

Nosheen Ali (Asst. Professor, Habib University), launched Umang, a digital humanities endeavor for poetic knowledge and dialogue in South Asia. The site features videos of contemporary poetic thought from several regions and languages, authored by prominent as well as less-known poets. It also features a blog for covering all things poetry, including essays, book reviews, and interviews. More at: <http://www.umangpoetry.org/>

Elena Bashir (Senior Lecturer, University of Chicago) participated in the Second International Conference on Brahui Language & Culture on January 17-18, 2015 and presented a paper entitled "The Brahui language: Recovering the past, documenting the present, and pondering the future." She also has several in press publications related to Pakistani languages, which are included in a volume co-edited by her and Hans Henrich Hock, *South Asia* (Volume in *The World of Linguistics* series), soon to be published by de Gruyter Mouton, Berlin.

Yelena Biberman (Visiting Asst. Professor, Skidmore College) was awarded the US-Pakistan Exchange Fellowship by the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center, which supported her trip to Islamabad, Pakistan, in December 2014. She conducted research for her book on Pakistan's



Yelena Biberman at the National Police Academy in Islamabad,

and met with political and cultural elites, including experts at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Quaid-i-Azam University, and the National Defense University. She also lectured at the National Police Academy in Islamabad.

Jennifer L. Campbell (Asst. Professor, SUNY-Potsdam) was awarded a Senior Short Term Research Fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies and a Research and Creative Endeavors Program grant from SUNY-Potsdam for her research project "Caravanserai Architecture: Survey and 3-D Modeling from Amritsar to Agra." She was also the keynote speaker at the South Asian Ritual Landscapes Symposium, University of Toronto, Mississauga.

Christopher Candland (Assoc. Professor, Wellesley College) offered a bi-campus course on Human Development in

Pakistan, taught at Wellesley College and Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in Spring 2014. The first version of the course was offered with AIPS logistical support in Fall 2012. The objective of the course is to encourage students in Pakistan and the United States to better understand and appreciate each other. Half of the students gathered in Rawalpindi, Punjab; the other half gathered in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Ms. Adeela Rehman from FJWU's Department of Gender Studies served as the instructor in Pakistan. Experienced videographers using high quality live videoconference facilities and multiple cameras and microphones joined the two classrooms for all class sessions. Students learned about Pakistan's formative national economic development models, the turn toward human-oriented development measures, the centrality of gender to human development, women's health, basic education, community development, and political conditions for high human development achievements. Candland taught two classes from Pakistan.

Brian Caton (Assoc. Professor, Luther College) began serving as the director of Luther College's year-long study away program in Nottingham (UK).

Golam Mathbor (Professor, Monmouth University) was invited to give the keynote address on the "Effectiveness of Community Participation in Development Initiatives" for the Akhter Hameed Khan Centennial Birthday Celebration on October 23, 2014 in Islamabad, Pakistan. This national event took place at the National University of Science and Technology (NUST), and was attended by 400 invited guests. He also served as the keynote speaker at "Climate Change, Adaptability, and Food Security", a conference organized by the Human Resources Development Network (HRDN), Pakistan, held in Islamabad on October 30, 2014. During this visit Mathbor also gave lectures at Fatima Jinnah Women University and the National Institute of Management (NIM), Islamabad. An AIPS travel grant supported this visit to Pakistan.



Golam Mathbor at the Akhter Hameed Khan Centennial Birthday Celebration (Islamabad) with the NUST Vice Rector

Simon Wolfgang Fuchs (Graduate Student, Princeton University) published two articles last year that explore the





travel of ideas between the Middle East and South Asia with a special focus on Shi'ite thought (see member publications section). Additionally, his paper "It's not the Economy: Doctrines, Politics and the Transnational in Pakistan's Sunni-Shi'i Sectarianism" was selected for one of three Research Student Awards during the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies last July in Zurich/Switzerland. After finishing his PhD at Princeton this coming summer, Simon plans to continue working on the interconnectedness of South Asia and the Middle East as a Junior Research Fellow at Gonville and Caius College at the University of Cambridge (UK).

Walter Hakala (Asst. Professor, SUNY-Buffalo) was recently awarded seed money from the University at Buffalo Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development and Humanities Institute to support the transcription of approximately sixteen nineteenth-century lithograph nisabs, or multilingual vocabularies in verse. As practical and cost-effective tools for elementary language instruction, the genre remained popular for centuries with dozens of vocabularies composed for children in a variety of South Asian languages. He spoke about these works at a symposium on Persian Manuscripts held at the British Library in October 2014. He also published several articles, which are listed in the member publications section.

Karen Leonard (Professor) retired in July 2014 after 42 years at UC Irvine, chairing the department of Anthropology for 3 years just before retiring. She will be presenting about South Asian Muslims in America at an NEH workshop in July and presenting a paper about South Asian second-generation American marriages at a Sikh Studies conference at UC Riverside in May of 2015. Her latest book, *Hyderabad and Hyderabadis*, came out from Manohar in Delhi in 2014.

Elizabeth Lhost (Graduate Student, University of Chicago) received an International Dissertation Research Fellowship from the Social Sciences Research Council for her dissertation project, "From Community to Qānūn: Documenting Islamic legal practice in 19th-century South Asia" to continue research begun as an AIPS junior fellow.

Muhammad Umar Memon (Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison) was invited by the Gurmani Center for Languages and Literature, to spend two weeks (15–26 Nov. 2014) on the LUMS campus and give lectures, hold an interactive conversation, and consult with students about their academic research work. During this time he delivered the following lectures, which were attended by LUMS's students and faculty and interested people from outside the University:

- 18 Nov. 2014 lecture: "Writing and Problems of Translation from Urdu and English,"

- 21 Nov. 2014 lecture: "Conversation on Islam, Sufism, and Literature"

- 25 Nov.2014 lecture: "Development of Modern Urdu Short Story and Manto"

- 26 Nov. 2014 lecture: "An Approach to the Fictional Art of Naiyer Masud"

An interactive conversation was moderated by Prof. Ziaul Hasan of University of the Punjab and LUMS. In addition to Professor Memon, Prof. Tehsin Firaqi, Director, Majlis-e Taraqqi-e Adab, Prof. Bilal Tanveer of LUMS, and Prof. Asif Iftikhar also participated.

Professor Memon also made a ten-day visit to Islamabad and was invited to give a lecture at International Islamic University (IIU) and Fatima Jinnah University (FJU). Because of sudden cancellation of all activities except teaching at IIU, Memon sahib was asked to instead see a number of faculty members informally and speak with them on a number of issues pertaining to Urdu literature. The FJU lecture, attended both by students and faculty, however, did take place and was well attended. On December 3 Memon sahib visited Karachi and had an interactive discussion on Urdu literature and translation with a group of interested students and non-students. This event was organized by "t2f."

Tryna Lyons was at the National University of Sciences and Technology's Department of Art, Design and Architecture this past November and December. There she conducted two seminars, under the auspices of the Fulbright Foundation. She also presented her recent research on Multani murals and historic Multani ta'ziyahs to a university audience in Islamabad, with members of the public invited. The mural topic was earlier published as "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. The ta'ziyah essay is now also in print, in a volume on Shi'i art that promises to be an interesting read (see member publications section).

SherAli Tareen (Asst. Professor, Franklin & Marshall College) was awarded the following fellowships, or awards: International Institute of Islamic Thought Research Fellowship 2014, American Academy of Religion Research Award Winner, 2014-15, Wabash Center Teaching and Learning Workshop Fellowship, 2014-15, which is awarded biannually to fourteen Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities across the country; 2014-15, and the National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship for a Summer Seminar on "The Late Ottoman and Russian Empires: Citizenship, Belonging, and Difference" at George Washington University, 2014.



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New Books on Pakistan Studies

Matthew A. Cook, *Willoughby's Minute: The Treaty of Nownahar, Fraud, and British Sindh*. Oxford University Press, 2013.

C. Christine Fair and Sarah Watson (editors), *Pakistan's Enduring Challenges*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015.

C. Christine Fair, *Fighting to the End: The Pakistan Army's Way of War*. Oxford University Press, 2014. Reviewed in *The Economist*, "Why Pakistan's army wields so much power," Sept. 20, 2014.

C. Christine Fair and Sumit Ganguly (editors), *Policing Insurgencies: Cops as Counterinsurgents*. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Karen Leonard, *Hyderabad and Hyderabadis*. Delhi: Manohar, 2014.

Ikramullah, *Regret: Two Novellas*. Translated by **Muhammad Umar Memon** and Faruq Hassan. Penguin Books India, 2015.

Individual Member Publications (Non-book)

Nosheen Ali, "Spaces of Nature: Producing Gilgit-Baltistan as the Eco-Body of the Nation." *Ethnoscripts* 16(1) (2014).

Jennifer L. Campbell, "World Heritage and Sites of Conflict: how the war on terror is affecting heritage in Peshawar, Pakistan. In *Identity and Heritage: Contemporary Challenges in a Globalized World*, ed. Peter F. Biehl, Douglas Comer, Christopher Prescott and Hilary A. Soderland, 65-71. Springer, 2014.

Brian Caton, "Teaching South Asia beyond Colonial Boundaries." In *Teaching Modern Asian History: Themes and Sources*, ed. Brian Caton. Special issue, *ASIANetwork Exchange* 21, no. 2 (Spring 2014): 45-53.

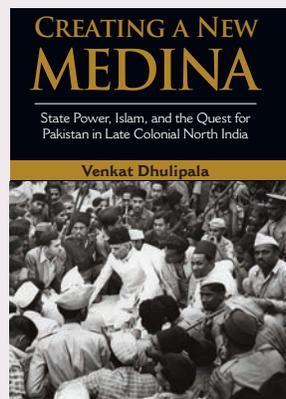
Brian Caton, "The Imperial Ambition of Science and its Discontents: Animal Breeding in Nineteenth-Century Punjab." In *Shifting Ground: People, Animals and Mobility in India's Environmental History*, ed. Mahesh Rangarajan and K. Sivaramakrishnan, 132-54. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Matthew A. Cook, "Beyond the Conceit of Historical Context: Socio-

Cultural Distinctions and the Annexation of Sindh." In *Sindh Through the Centuries-II: Proceedings of 2nd International Seminar*, ed. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, 199-206. Karachi: SMI University Press, 2015.

C. Christine Fair, Karl Kaltenthaler and William Miller, "Pakistani Political Communication and Public Opinion on US Drone Attacks," *Journal of Strategic Studies*. Published online January 23, 2015. Forthcoming in print.

Venkat Dhulipala, *Creating a New Medina: State Power, Islam, and the Quest for Pakistan in Late Colonial North India*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.



This book examines how the idea of Pakistan was articulated and debated in the public sphere and how popular enthusiasm was generated for its successful achievement, especially in the crucial province of U.P. (now Uttar Pradesh) in the last decade of British colonial rule in India. It argues that Pakistan was not a simply a vague idea that serendipitously emerged as a nation-state, but was popularly imagined as a sovereign Islamic State, a new Medina, as some called it. In this regard, it was envisaged as the harbinger of Islam's renewal and rise in the twentieth century, the new leader and protector of the global community of Muslims, and a worthy successor to the defunct Turkish Caliphate. The book specifically foregrounds the critical role played by Deobandi ulama in articulating this imagined national community with an awareness of Pakistan's global historical significance. It demonstrates how these ulama collaborated with the Muslim League leadership and forged a new political vocabulary fusing ideas of Islamic nationhood and modern state. It, therefore, challenges three principal strands in India's Partition historiography: scholarship on elite politics that largely sees Pakistan's emergence as the result of breakdown of constitutional negotiations between the British government, the leaders of the Muslim League and the Indian National Congress; subaltern histories that argue that Pakistan was a vague but emotive religious symbol that found overwhelming popular support without an awareness of its meaning or implications; and finally narratives which argue that Jinnah led a secular nationalist movement to create Pakistan as a liberal democratic State.

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, **C. Christine Fair**, Jenna Jordan, Rasool Bakhsh Rais, Jacob N. Shapiro, "Measuring political violence in Pakistan: Insights from the BFRS Dataset," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. Published on line September 15, 2014. Forthcoming in print.

C. Christine Fair, "Drones, spies, terrorists, and second-class citizenship in Pakistan," *Small Wars and Insurgencies*,

vol.25, no.1 (2014): 205-235.

C. Christine Fair, Karl Kaltenthaler and William Miller, "The Drone War: Pakistani Public Opposition to American Drone Strikes in Pakistan," *Political Science Quarterly*, vol.129, no.1 (Spring 2014): 1-33.

C. Christine Fair, "Using Manpower Policies to Transform the Force and Society: The Case of the Pakistan Army," *Security Studies*, vol.23, no.1 (February

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Walter Hakala, “On Equal Terms: The Equivocal Origins of an Early Mughal Indo-Persian Vocabulary,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* (Third Series) vol.25, no.2 (2015): 209-227.

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Walter Hakala and M. A. Naru (translators), “A Masnavi in Praise of Coffee” by Shah Hatim, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, vol.47, no.4 (2014).

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SherAli Tareen, “Islam, Democracy, and the Limits of Secular Conceptuality.” *Journal of Law and Religion*, Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University, vol.29, no.1, (January 2014): 1-17.

SherAli Tareen, “Deoband Madrasa.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*. Ed. Tamara Sonn. New York: Oxford University Press, April, 2014.

SherAli Tareen, “Sayyid Abu’l A’la

Mawdudi.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*. Ed. Tamara Sonn. New York: Oxford University Press, April, 2014.

SherAli Tareen, “The Perils and Possibilities of Inter-Religious Translation: Mirza Mazhar Jan-i Janan on the Hindus.” *Sagar: A South Asia Research Journal*, University of Texas at Austin South Asia Institute, vol.21, (May 2014), pp.43-51.

SherAli Tareen, Review of Nile Green *Making Space: Sufis and Settlers in Early Modern India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2012) in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, Cambridge University Press, vol.25, no.1, (January 2014), pp. 62-65.

Fellows Completed Travel or in the Field (March 2014-February 2015)

Elizabeth Bolton, University of Texas-Austin (in the field)
Project Title: “Tele-guiding: Religion and Television in Contemporary Pakistan”

Affiliation in Pakistan: LUMS

Waqas H. Butt, University of California-San Diego (in the field)
Project Title: “Cleaning the City of Waste: Labor and Infrastructure in Colonial and Contemporary Lahore”

Affiliation in Pakistan: LUMS

Christopher Candland, Wellesley College
Project Title: Workshop-based Research Consultations on “Faith and Survival”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Council of Social Sciences, Pakistan

Lubna Chaudhry, SUNY-Binghamton
Project Title: “Pakistani Christians: Perspectives on Violence, Identity, and Citizenship”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Quaid-i-Azam University

Filomena Critelli, SUNY-Buffalo
Project Title: “An Examination of NGO Strategies and Interventions to Address Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan: Impacts, Successes and Challenges”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Kashf Foundation

Syed Akbar Hyder, University of Texas-Austin
Project Title: “Lives of Passion and Paradox: Josh and His Peers”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Forman Christian College
Samina Iqbal, Virginia Commonwealth University
Project Title: “Modern Art of Pakistan: Lahore Art Circle 1947-1957”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Beaconhouse National University

Abbas Jaffer, Harvard University
Project Title: “Rocking Online: Digital Publics and Pakistani Music”

Research Location: Lahore

Sameer Lalwani, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Project Title: “Comparative Politics and International Relations”
Research Location: London

Elizabeth Lhost, University of Chicago
Project Title: “Between Community and Qānūn: Documenting Islamic legal practice in 19th-century South Asia”
Research Location: London

Ameem Lutfi, Duke University
Project Title: “Soldering the Seas: Baloch Mercenaries and State Building in Bahrain and Pakistan”
Research Location: Manama, Zanzibar, Mumbai

Sayyeda Zehra Razvi, University of California-Davis
Project Title: “A Space & Time for Storytelling: Reconfiguring of Spatial & Temporal Experience in the Work of Intizar Husain”
Affiliation in Pakistan: Forman Christian College

Waleed Ziad, Yale University (currently in the field)
Project Title: “Trans-regional Authority in the Age of Political Fragmentation and the Great Game”
Research Location: Uzbekistan, UK

Fellows who are awaiting travel

Andrew Amstutz, Cornell University
Project Title: “Crafting a Pakistani ‘Regional Culture: Urdu and Sindhi Cultural Histories in Lok Virsa, 1947-1980”

Chad Haines, Arizona State University
Project Title: “Being Muslim, Being Global: Everyday Ethics, Urban Sociality, and Islamic Modernity in Islamabad”

