



# 2016 - 2017 Annual Report

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## AIPS Fellowships

Abstracts and final reports can be found on the [AIPS website](#)

### Long-term Fellows funded on Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Funds

- 1) **Uzma Rizvi, Senior Fellowship, Pratt Institute of Art and Design, New York**  
**Project Title:** UAE Coastal Archeological and Heritage Project (UAE-CAHP)  
**Duration:** 3 months in United Arab Emirates  
**Status:** Completed (May - July 2017)
- 2) **Shundana Yusaf, Senior Fellowship, University of Utah**  
**Project Title:** The Resonant Tomb: Sufi Shrines in the Indo-Persian World  
**Duration:** 4 months in Iran and India  
**Status:** Traveling (September to December 2017)
- 3) **Sadia Shirazi, Junior Fellowship, Cornell University**  
**Project Title:** Abstraction in Post-independence Pakistan, Bangladesh and India  
**Duration:** 3 months in the UK and Spain  
**Status:** (December 2017 to February 2018)

### Long-term Fellows funded on AIPS Unrestricted Funds

- 1) **Ateeb Ahmed, Junior Fellowship, University of Minnesota**  
**Project Title:** Between Speculation and Dispossession: Pakistan Military's Urban Coup d'etat  
**Duration:** 2 months in Lahore, Pakistan  
**Status:** Completed (June to August 2017)
- 2) **Naveen Kanalu Ramamurthy, Junior Fellowship, University of California – Los Angeles**  
**Project Title:** Sovereignty, Sunni Legalism, and the Religious Culture of the Mughal Empire (c. 1640 – c. 1680)  
**Duration:** 2 months in India, Pakistan, France, Turkey, and the UK  
**Status:** (December 2017 to January 2018)
- 3) **Neelum Sohail, Junior Fellowship, Tufts University**  
**Project Title:** Empire of the Beat: Policing the Empire, Governing the Colony, Negotiating the Post-colony  
**Duration:** 2 months in Pakistan and the UK  
**Status:** (December 2017 to January 2018)

## Travel Grantees

Abstracts for all Travel Grant awardees can be found on the [AIPS website](#)

### CAORC funded Travel Grants

- 1) **Elizabeth Lhost, PhD Student, University of Chicago**  
**Conference Name:** Ocean of Law II  
**Conference Date:** December 12 – 14, 2016  
**Location:** Leiden, the Netherlands

- Title of Papers:** Mapping Legal Authority in the Indian Ocean: The Geography of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Fatwa Literature from South Asia
- 2) **Jeffrey Diamond, Assistant Professor, Clarion University**  
**Conference Name:** 2017 Association for Asian Studies Conference  
**Conference Date:** March 16-19, 2017  
**Location:** Toronto, Canada  
**Title of Paper:** Building a new 'Paradise': Anjumans and Urdu Literary Culture in Late Nineteenth Century India
- 3) **Carla Petievich, Professor, University of Texas at Austin**  
**Conference Name:** Association of Asian Studies 2017 Conference  
**Conference Date:** March 16-18, 2017  
**Location:** Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
**Title of Paper:** Notes on the Multiple Locations of Modern Punjabi Literature
- 4) **Waqas H Butt, PhD Dissertator, University of California – San Diego**  
**Conference Name:** Politics of Waste  
**Conference Date:** June 2- 3, 2017  
**Location:** Cambridge, UK  
**Title of Paper:** Legitimacy and Fetish: Documenting Work in Lahore's Waste Infrastructures
- 5) **Anita Weiss, Professor, University of Oregon**  
**Conference Name:** ISA-CISS 2017 'Cooperation and Contestation in World Politics'  
**Conference Date:** June 28-30, 2017  
**Location:** Bologna, Italy  
**Title of Paper:** The Potential of State and Non-state Actors to Conter Violent Extremism: a Case Study of Pakistan
- 6) **Alan Foster Lee, PhD Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**Conference Name:** Red Sea VIII: Coveted Treasure – The Economy Natural Resources: Extraction, Processing and Trade  
**Conference Date:** July 4 – 9, 2017  
**Location:** Warsaw, Poland  
**Title of Paper:** Crucible Steel Production: An Experimental Study of Crucible Composition and Structure
- 7) **Miriam Golden, Professor, University of California – Los Angeles**  
**Conference Name:** American Political Science Association Annual Meetings  
**Conference Date:** August 31 – September 3, 2017  
**Location:** San Francisco, CA, USA  
**Title of Paper:** Establishing Responsive Linkages between Politicians and Voters in Pakistan
- 8) **Aparna Kumar, PhD Dissertator, University of California – Los Angeles**  
**Conference Name:** American Council for Southern Asian Art 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Symposium  
**Conference Date:** October 12 - 15, 2017  
**Location:** Boston, MA, USA  
**Title of Paper:** Unraveling a National Symbol: Partition and the Lahore Museum
- 9) **Nosheen Ali, Assistant Professor, Aga Khan University**  
**Conference Name:** Feminist Preconference: Gender, Sexuality and Militarization  
**Conference Date:** October 26 - 28, 2017  
**Location:** Madison, WI, USA  
**Title of Paper:** Chup karke kareen guzare nu: Witnessing Violence and Staying Silent

**10) Samina Iqbal, Assistant Professor, Lahore School of Economics****Conference Name:** Transform your Dissertation into a Book Workshop**Conference Date:** October 25 -26, 2017**Location:** Madison, WI, USA**Title of Paper:** Modern art of Pakistan: Lahore Art Circle 1947 - 1957**Travel Grants funded by AIPS Unrestricted Funds****1) Abdul Haque Chang, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin****Conference Name:** 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association**Conference Date:** November 16-20, 2016**Location:** Minneapolis, MN**Title of Paper:** Rethinking the Question of Fishermen through Gutka Piety**2) Abdul Aijaz, PhD student, Indiana University****Conference Name:** Annual Conference of Association of American Geographers**Conference Date:** April 5-9, 2017**Location:** Boston, MA**Title of Paper:** Reconfiguration of Interests and Identities: Symbolic Politics of Pak-China Economic Corridor and Pakistan Federation**3) Ayesha Mulla, PhD Dissertator, University of Chicago****Conference Name:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia**Conference Date:** October 26 – 28, 2017**Location:** Madison, WI**Title of Paper:** 'Marwa Na Dena': Reporting Between the Marginal and the Military**4) Naila Sahar, PhD Dissertator, University of Buffalo****Conference Name:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia**Conference Date:** October 26 – 28, 2017**Location:** Madison, WI**Title of Paper:** Revisionary Political Historiography in Contemporary Pakistani Fiction**2016-17 Summer Research Grantees***Funded by AIPS Unrestricted Funds***1) Abdul Aijaz, PhD Student****Field:** Geography and English**Project Title:** Post-colonial Indus River Hydro-social Relations**Affiliated Institution:** Indiana University**2) Gemma Sharpe, PhD Candidate****Field:** Art History**Project Title:** The International Lives of Pakistani Art: 1947-2001**Affiliated Institution:** City University of New York (CUNY)**3) Salman A Hussain, PhD Student****Field:** History and Anthropology**Project Title:** Transnational Migrations of the Gulf in Sahiwal, Pakistan**Affiliated Institution:** University of Michigan**4) Sidra Kamran, PhD Candidate****Field:** Sociology

**Project Title:** Commodification of Intimate Practices and the Construction of the 'economy' and 'markets' by focusing on all-female workplace

**Affiliated Institution:** The New School

5) **Tariq L. Rahman, PhD Student**

**Field:** Anthropology

**Project Title:** Plots, Speculations, and Capital in Urban Pakistan

**Affiliated Institution:** University of California – Irvine

6) **Luke Sonnet, PhD Candidate**

**Field:** Political Science

**Project Title:** The Cause and Effects of Electricity Load Shedding in Pakistan

**Affiliated Institution:** University of California – Los Angeles

7) **Zoya Sameen, PhD Student (Completed)**

**Field:** History

**Project Title:** The Consumption of Prostitution: A History of Buying Sex in the Northwestern Indian Subcontinent, 1858 - 1918

**Affiliated Institution:** University of Chicago

*"My AIPS-funded trip to Pakistan was extremely productive in terms of building contacts with local archivists and researchers, and providing me with information that will both help me with my dissertation proposal as well as my next archival trip to the country"*

*AIPS Summer Grantee, Zoya Sameen*

## Faculty Mentoring Program

*Funded by Department of State/US Embassy in Pakistan*

1. Professor Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (AIPS Trustee) mentored Professor Qasid Mallah from Shah Abdul Latif University at University of Wisconsin-Madison from September 15 – 30, 2017. They processed and analyzed materials excavated by Professor Mallah at Lakhanjodaro in the summer of 2017. While at UW-Madison, Professor Mallah also gave an Archaeology Brown Bag lecture on ***The Indus Civilization: New insights from Lakhanjodaro, Sindh*** on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 5230 Social Sciences Building.
2. Professor Yasmin Saikia (AIPS Trustee) mentored Professor Aasim Sajjad Akhtar from Quaid-i-Azam University at Arizona State University (ASU) from September 21 – 30, 2017. Professor Sajjad delivered a public talk on ***Current Politics and Challenges to Peace in Pakistan*** at the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The talk drew an audience of 75-100 people. Besides the talk Professor Sajjad engaged with six Pakistani scholars from Punjab University and Punjab Higher Education Commission who were in-residence at ASU. Professor Sajjad also visited Professor Chad Haines's undergraduate class ***Islam in the Modern World*** as a guest lecturer on Thursday, September 28, 2017.
3. Professor Chad Haines (AIPS Member) mentored visiting scholar Alia Amirali from Quaid-i-Azam University at Arizona State University (ASU) from September 21 – 30, 2017. Ms. Amirali worked closely with ASU faculty in gender studies and with visiting scholars from the University of Punjab, Lahore (in-residence at ASU through a US Department of State University Partnership Program). Ms. Amirali's interactions with ASU faculty in gender studies helped advance their

knowledge base and ability to mentor and partner with visiting scholars from University of Punjab. Aside from mentoring, she also participated in a roundtable with experts on Pakistan at ASU.

4. Professor Muhammad Qasim Zaman mentored Ms. Tabinda M. Khan, Postdoctoral Fellow from the Gurmani Center for Languages and Literature, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) at Princeton University from September 19 – 29, 2017. While at Princeton, Ms. Khan received advise and guidance on how to: edit her book manuscript, ***Liberalism That Works: Justifying women's rights to Islamists in a language they understand***, prepare it for peer reviews, disseminate her research to appropriate academic journals and make it accessible to a broader audience.
5. Professor Saeed Shafqat, Director, Center for Public Policy & Governance, Forman Christian College invited Professor Charles M. Ramsey, Visiting Assistant Research Professor from Baylor University to Pakistan to mentor Pakistani faculty at Forman Christian College. Along with mentoring, Professor Ramsey also delivered a public talk on ***Orientalist: Friend or Foe? Responses Towards 9/11: South Asia and Beyond***.
6. Professor Naveeda Khan invited Professor Sikander Shah, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) to Johns Hopkins University to conduct a research study of ***The Possible Benevolent Effects of U.S. style Constitutionalism upon Pakistan's Restive Politics*** between September 22 – 28, 2017. Professor Khan served as the U.S. collaborator in Professor Shah's project. Professor Shah had access to library and web resources at Johns Hopkins University. He was also introduced to academics in diverse disciplines so that he could interview them.
7. Professor Sanval Nasim, Department of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) invited Professor Shahrukh Rafi Khan, Visiting Professor, Mount Holyoke College to Pakistan to lead a seminar on ***Catch-up growth in South Asian economies, especially Pakistan***. Professor Khan also led a workshop on ***Teaching Economics within a Liberal Arts Framework in Pakistan*** and met with faculty to seek common research interests. These efforts by Professor Khan helped:
  - Familiarize junior faculty with alternative perspective on economic development and challenges in South Asia
  - Junior faculty develop an appreciation for teaching economics as a liberal arts discipline
  - Junior faculty find avenues for collaborative research on contemporary development and environmental issues in Pakistan
8. Professor Ammar Ali Jan, University of Punjab – Lahore invited Professor Daniel Majchrowicz, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University to host a workshop entitled, ***Translating Literature: Affect, Place and Politics*** on September 27, 2017. This event gave students and faculty at University of Punjab an opportunity to interact with Dr. Majchrowicz, who is working on the intersection of history, culture and literature.
9. Professor Christopher Udry, Co-Director, Global Poverty Research Lab, invited Professor Imtiaz ul Haq from Department of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) to Northwestern University. While at Northwestern University (September 19 – 30, 2017), Professor Haq attended seminars and met with faculty to get a better sense of the ongoing work in the Global Poverty Research Lab. This visit could lead to a potential visiting scholar

arrangement between Professor Haq and Northwestern University.

## Community College Initiative

*Funded by Department of State/US Embassy in Pakistan*

AIPS has initiated a pilot community college training program in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission. The project fundamentally is an exchange program for teachers and administrators at selected degree colleges in Punjab. It focuses on the professional development of faculty members from these colleges who will spend three weeks each at selected US community colleges. The program is designed to: a) expose visiting faculty to research opportunities and teaching pedagogies through a program of mentorship; b) attend discipline-specific classes to learn advanced pedagogical techniques; c) participate in workshops, seminars/lectures in addition to making use of the library and other academic resources on campus; d) take advantage of site visits, networking opportunities, and intellectual experiences on campus; and e) work on field-specific circular topics (the visiting Pakistani faculty and the mentor/partner faculty at the community colleges) for associate degree level students.



Under this program, for three weeks during March and April 2017, AIPS partnered with the University of Texas at Austin's South Asia Institute to host three principals of degree colleges in Pakistan, **Dr. Ijaz Butt**, Principal, Government College Township, Lahore; **Mr. Baqir Jaffary**, Principal, Government College Civil Lines in Multan and **Ms. Rubina Sarwar**, Principal, Government College for Women in Gujranwala, to study the community college system in the US at the Austin Community College (ACC). While at ACC, Dr. Butt, Mr. Jaffary, and Ms. Sarwar visited with administrators to learn how community colleges function in the US. They met administrators, faculty, and students, attended governance meetings where administrative issues were discussed and decided. They toured ACC campuses in the Greater Austin Area, including labs and incubators, and attended a job fair.



Similarly, for a week in September 2017 **Mr. Mohammad Nizamuddin**, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) visited New York and Austin to study the community college system in the US. Mr. Nizamuddin visited City University of New York La Guardia Community College and CUNY Borough of Manhattan in New York on September 12 – 19, 2017

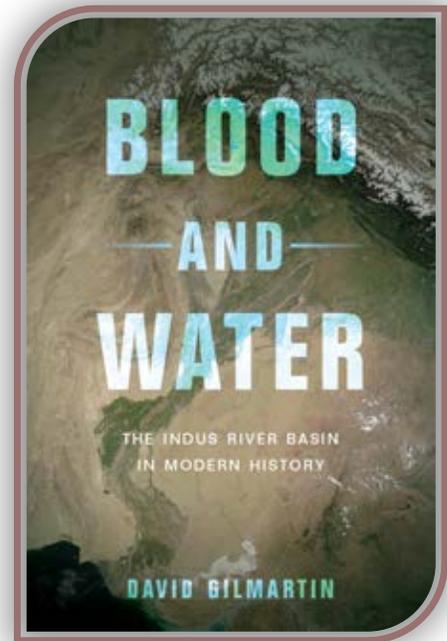
and Austin Community College in Austin, TX on September 20 – 24, 2017 as part of AIPS' Community College Initiative.

## 2015-16 AIPS Book Prize

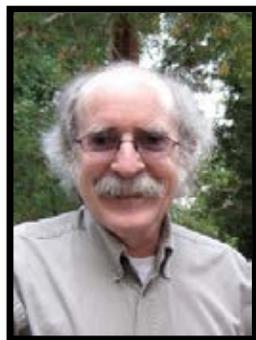
Author: **David Gilmartin, PhD**

Title: ***Blood and Water: The Indus River Basin in Modern History***

**Book Description:** The Indus basin was once an arid pastoral watershed, but by the second half of the twentieth century, it had become one of the world's most heavily irrigated and populated river basins. Launched under British colonial rule in the nineteenth century, this irrigation project spurred political, social, and environmental transformations that continued after the 1947 creation of the new states of India and Pakistan. In this first large-scale environmental history of the region, David Gilmartin focuses on the changes that occurred in the basin as a result of the implementation of the world's largest modern integrated irrigation system. This masterful work of scholarship explores how environmental transformation is tied to the creation of communities and nations, focusing on the intersection of politics, statecraft, and the environment.



**The AIPS Book Prize Committee wrote:** “A major contribution to the study of colonial state formation, environmental history and the settlement of colonial frontiers. Blood and Water expands the scope of Pakistan Studies and South Asian studies by highlighting the great transformations initiated by canal irrigation and the implications of these projects for contemporary politics, including within Pakistan and the trans-boundary water disputes between India and Pakistan. His research is prodigious and the culmination of several decades of related research and scholarly reflection.



Competing visions of statecraft and political community are explored in relation to the continuing power of nature to shape the Indus basin. This book is an invaluable contribution to scholarship on Pakistan and broader issues of state development and the environment. In addition to making original contribution to the study of British India and Pakistan, Blood and Water is going to be a major reference point for environmental historians, political scientists and anthropologists for many years to come.”

**Author Bio:** Prof. Dr. David Gilmartin is Distinguished Professor of History at North Carolina State University and the author of *Empire and Islam: Punjab*

and the Making of Pakistan. He received his BA from the University of Michigan and his PhD in History from the University of California – Berkeley. He has conducted numerous researches in India and Pakistan.

### 2016-17 AIPS Book Prize

*AIPS 2016 – 17 Book Prize Award is under review. Awardee(s) will be announced in next year’s annual report along with AIPS website, Facebook page, and email circulations.*

### AIPS (Co)Sponsored Conferences and Workshops

*AIPS receives funding from CAORC, US Department of State, and the Department of Education to support conferences and workshops on Pakistan.*

#### 1) **Junior Scholars Conference on Pakistan**

**Date:** October 20, 2016

**Location:** The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI

**Funded by:** CAORC and AIPS

**Organizer:** AIPS

**Summary:** AIPS hosted its second *Junior Scholars Conference on Pakistan* on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia. This conference showcased the new research being done by junior scholars (both recent PhDs and graduate students with ABD status) in the field of Pakistan Studies in the United States. The conference was open to the public and concluded with a reception. Seven conference participants were selected through a competitive process. Participants and their presentation titles are listed below:

- **Abida Bano**, PhD Candidate, Western Michigan University, ***Women’s Representation in Local Democracy: Formal and Informal Institutions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa***
- **Saad Gulzar**, PhD Candidate, New York University, ***Politicians: Experimental Evidence on Candidacy from KP, Pakistan***
- **Maira Hayat**, PhD Candidate, University of Chicago, ***Big Companies, Small Bureaucrats: Water and Governance in Pakistan***
- **Sahar Khan**, PhD Candidate, University of California, Irvine, ***Ontological Security: Explaining Continued State-sponsorship of Militancy in Pakistan***



- **Faiza Moatasim**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, *Negotiating Nonconformity: the Politics of Encroachment in the Planned Modern City of Islamabad*
- **Shayan Rajani**, PhD Candidate, Tufts University, *Obstructing Geography: Resisting British Interventionism in Early Nineteenth Century Sindh*
- **Mashal Saif**, Assistant Professor, Clemson University, *Sovereignty between God and the State: Insulting Muhammad in Contemporary Pakistan*

## 2) **Fourth International Karachi Conference**

**Date:** December 9-11, 2016

**Location:** Arts Councils of Pakistan, Karachi

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Organizer:** Karachi Conference Foundation

**Summary:** Fourth International Conference on Karachi was a three-day conference organized by the Karachi Conference Foundation and co-sponsored by AIPS using its ECA funds. The conference was held in National Museum Auditorium, Burnes Gardens, Karachi, Pakistan. The conference addressed topics such as: *Urbanization Trends in Karachi; Memory, Tradition and Community; Governance & Citizenship; Development and Civil Society*; and *Environmental Degradation*.

## 3) **Eighth Karachi Literature Festival**

**Date:** February 10 – 12, 2017

**Location:** Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Organizer:** Oxford University Press Pakistan

**Summary:** AIPS co-sponsored (ECA funded) Karachi Literature Festival is a literary festival that brings together international and Pakistani writers to promote reading and showcase writing at its best. The festival features debates, discussions, talks, English and Urdu mushaira, a book fair, book launches, readings, singings, satire, theatre, film screenings, music and dance. AIPS Vice President **Matthew A. Cook** and AIPS Trustees **Anita Weiss** and **Ayesha Jalal** attended this festival. **Matt Cook** was part of several important sessions at the festival and **Anita Weiss** launched her book *Interpreting Islam, Modernity, and Women's Rights in Pakistan*.



*Ayesha Jalal (AIPS Trustee), Mustansar Hussain Tarar, Bobby Sager, and Mohammed Hanif delivered this year's keynote addresses.*

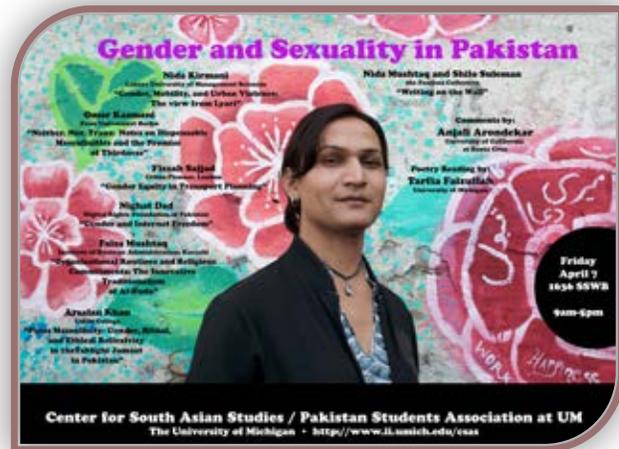
## 4) **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pakistan Student Association Conference on Pakistan**

**Date:** April 7, 2017

**Location:** University of Michigan (UM), Ann Arbor, MI

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Summary:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pakistan Conference, organized by the Organization of Pakistani Students and the Center for South Asian Studies, was held on April 7, 2017. The UM Pakistan Conference is an initiative aimed at highlighting new and exciting work on Pakistan, and facilitating and fostering conversations between artists, activists, and academics. The theme of the



2017 UM Pakistan Conference was gender and sexuality. The conference highlighted the work that seeks to understand the role of gender in shaping, experiencing, and negotiating various aspects of everyday life. The conference started with a panel on ***Masculinities in Everyday Life***, which was followed by ***Gender in Public and Online Spaces***, ***Gendered Selves in the Islamic Revival*** and ***Public Art: Writing on the Wall***. The conference presented works on the gendered experiences of moving through spaces, transit, roads, shrines, and religious gatherings, to name a few, and how these spaces and encounters are shot through with power relations that are shaped, mediated, and regulated through notions of masculinity and femininity. These presentations generated questions about how gender ideologies work their way through state programs, and about notions prevalent in society at large, and how these notions are both contested, negotiated, manipulated, and actively (re)produced by individuals and groups in various situations. List of presenters and their titles are as following:

- **Nida Kirmani**, Lahore University of Management Sciences, ***Gender, Mobility, and Urban Violence: The view from Lyari***
- **Omar Kasmani**, Freie Universitat Berlin, ***Neither. Nor. Trans: Notes on Dispensable Masculinities and the Promise of Thirdness***
- **Fizzah Sajjad**, LSE, London, ***Gender Equity in Transport Planning***
- **Nighat Dad**, Digital Rights Foundation of Pakistan, ***Gender and Internet Freedom***
- **Faiza Mushtaq**, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, ***Organizational Routines and Religious Commitments: The Innovative Traditionalism of Al-Huda***
- **Arsalan Khan**, Union College, ***Pious Masculinity: Gender, Ritual, and Ethnical Reflexivity in the Tablighi Jamaat in Pakistan***
- **Nida Mushtaq and Shilo Shiv Suleman**, Fearless Collective, ***Writing on the Wall***
- Comments by - **Anjali Arondekar**, University of California at Santa Cruz
- Poetry Reading by: **Tarfia Faizullah**, University of Michigan.

##### 5) ***Scholars at the Intersection of South Asian and African Studies Student Colloquium (SISAAS)***

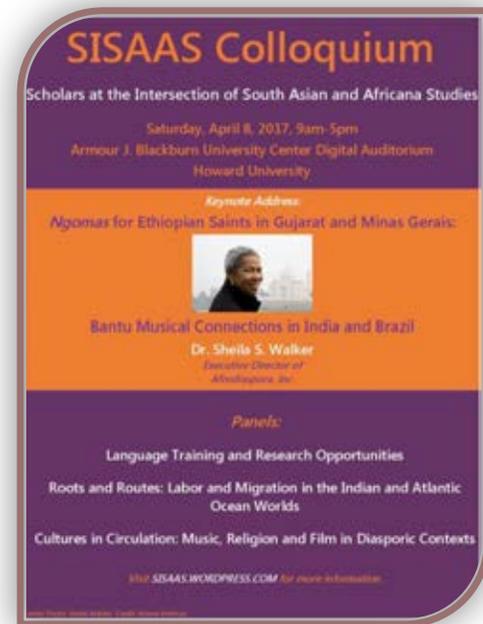
**Date:** April 8, 2017

**Location:** Howard University,  
Washington, DC

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Summary** This AIPS (co)sponsored symposium was held at Armour J. Blackburn University Center, Howard University on April 8, 2017. This ECA funded full day (9am – 5pm) event invited its participants to explore exciting topics discovered in the overlap of South Asian and Africana Studies. SISAAS presented two panels devoted to unpacking historical and cultural content. The first was **Roots & Routes: Labor and Migration in the Indian and Atlantic Ocean Worlds**, surveying

African contributions to the western Indian Ocean world from Arabia to South Asia and migrations from the Indian Ocean world into that of the Atlantic. The second, **Cultures in Circulation: Religion, Music and Film in Diasporic Contexts**, introduced participants to various Indian-African diasporic exchanges, from African American jazz musicians in Bombay to Bollywood films in Ghana. The SISAAS third panel provided students with resources and information about the foreign-language training programs and funded research opportunities that would afford access to those fields of study. Conference Program: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/sites/default/files/SISAAS-Program.pdf>



#### 6) **Montstuart Elphinstone: Between Local and Global Forces Conference**

**Date:** April 20 – 21, 2017

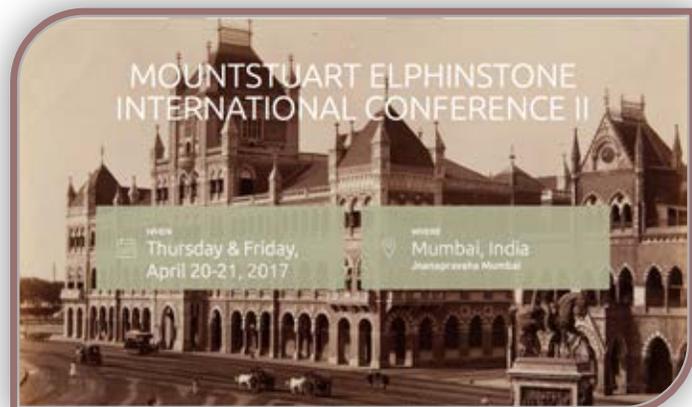
**Location:** Jnanapravaha, Mumbai, India

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Organizer:** Prof. Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)

**Summary:** This AIPS (co)sponsored Conference was held in Jnanapravaha Mumbai on April 20 – 21, 2017. The Conference, which was funded by ECA funds and organized by **Prof. Shah Mahmoud**

**Hanifi** of James Madison University, brought together 28 scholars from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and the United States. This conference examined the enduring intellectual and political impact of Mountstuart



Elphinstone (1779 – 1859) through consideration of knowledge formations he represented and those he engaged in South Asia. During the course of two days, participants compared shared histories and divergent historical experiences arising from a) the production and institutionalization of colonial knowledge formations during imperial era; b) the simultaneous destabilization and reinvigoration of colonial knowledge formations in the context of nationalism and national education programs; and c) the emergence of trans-national intellectual communities and scholarly networks in the contemporary period of neo-liberal globalization. The conference was modeled upon a series of inter-South Asian ORC conferences. The Elphinstone Conference highlighted Afghanistan's deep historical, cultural, and organic relationship to South Asia and will be a pathway for increasing communications between AIAS and other South Asian ORCs.

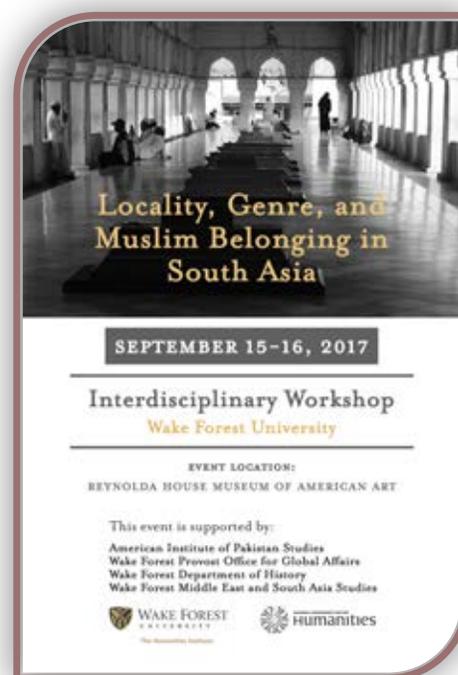
### 7) *Locality, Genre, and Muslim Belonging in South Asia*

**Date:** September 15-16, 2017

**Location:** Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

**Funded by:** CAORC

**Summary:** The Locality, Genre, and Muslim Belonging in South Asia Conference was held on September 15-16, 2017. Organized and hosted by the Wake Forest University, this ECA funded conference brought together scholars (see participant bios: <http://college.wfu.edu/history/locality/speakers-and-discussants/>) from various disciplinary backgrounds to reflect on the issue of Muslim identity in South Asia. This conference aimed to build new dialogues on shared divergent trajectories of Muslims across borders in South Asia (primarily India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka). Please visit <http://college.wfu.edu/history/locality/abstracts/> to read abstracts of papers presented at the conference.



### 8) *Research Methodology Workshop*

**Date:** September 29-30, 2017

**Location:** Margalla Hotel, Islamabad

**Funded by:** US Department of State

**Summary:** The Research Methodology Workshop was held on September 29-30, 2017. This AIPS (co)sponsored workshop was facilitated by COSS/Women University of



Peshawar and led by AIPS member Dr. Julie Flowerday. This conference brought together 20 participants. Majority of the participants were junior scholars and women.

## AIPS Sponsored Workshop Series

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

The five workshop series are:

- 1) **Iftikhar Dadi**, Cornell University, ***Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media*** (Concluded)
- 2) **J. Mark Kenoyer**, UW-Madison, ***Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management*** (Concluded)
- 3) **Paula Newberg**, University of Texas at Austin, ***Peace-Building and Conflict Resolution*** (Concluded)
- 4) **Yasmin Saikia**, Arizona State University, ***Pakistan and Peace Studies: Methods and Meaning*** (Concluded)
- 5) **Christopher R. Perkins**, Stanford University, ***Cataloging and Librarianship Workshops and the Cataloging and Preservation of the Anjum-I Taraqqi-I Library*** (Concluded)

Workshops that took place in 2016-2017:

- 1) **Workshop Theme: *Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media***  
***Third Workshop: January 2-6, 2017, led by Iftikhar Dadi, Cornell University***  
**Workshop Title: *South Asian Media Cultures: History, Theory and Criticism***

This workshop series was conducted in three one-week sessions between 2015-2017. Each workshop focused on specific facets of visual analysis, and was attended by faculty from Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi and other places, who are affiliated with institutions of higher education and teach art history, visual studies, architectural history and cinema studies. As there are hardly any departments in Pakistan focusing on these areas, efforts of these faculty members are based on individual initiative and commitment, rather than being conducted systematically with good institutional support. The goal of conducting these workshops was not only to introduce the attendees to key issues in the field



and current scholarship around them, but also for them to exchange ideas amongst themselves and to see each other as resources and allies facing similar challenges.

The final workshop focused on crafts, media and popular cinema. The reading and case studies included a look at Lok Virsa, an institution that was founded during the 1970s to preserve and promote the folk culture of Pakistan. The attendees discussed the stability of the idea of the “folk” with reference to an uneven but steadily modernizing society. A key focus of this week was on the analysis of commercial cinema. Questions such as “how does the song-and-dance sequence upend the narrative form of realist cinema?” were addressed through assigned readings and through collective scene analysis in class.

**2) Workshop Theme: *Cataloging and Librarianship Workshops and the Cataloging and Preservation of the Anjum-I Taraqqi-I Library***

**Workshop Title: *Libraries and Cataloging of Materials in a Digital Age***

First Workshop: July 24-28, 2017, to be led by **Christopher R. Perkins**, Stanford University & **David Hirsch**, University of California-Los Angeles

Second Workshop: September 24-27, 2017, to be led by **Christopher R. Perkins**, Stanford University

Almost all research university libraries in North America and Europe are members of OCLC and upload their library records into WorldCat. This makes all these library holdings findable for researchers anywhere in the world. Card catalogues used to be the primary method for keeping library records, but these have long become a thing of the past in most countries. In Pakistan the majority of libraries continue to use card

catalogues and only a handful have switched to online databases. For those that have switched to online databases there is little familiarity with global standards to make records uniform and thus findable. Anyone having done research in Pakistan knows how difficult it can be to find what materials any particular library has outside of an actual physical visit to the library. Even then finding materials is often dependent on the knowledge of the librarian and necessitates sifting through card catalogues for hours on end. In the workshops David Hirsch at UCLA and Hameed Ahmad at the Library of Congress in Islamabad and Christopher Ryan Perkins conducted in Karachi and Lahore they provided librarians from universities, public and private, big and small, with the training needed to move their records from card catalogues to online databases



and to do so in a way that is up to global standards established by the Library of Congress and the global library community.

In the first workshop held in Karachi from July 24-27 more than 25 participants came from universities, libraries, and archives in Sindh and Baluchistan. In the second workshop held in Lahore from September 24-27, 35 participants attended from Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In both workshops they covered the following topics: 1) Libraries in digital age; 2) Online catalogues and searching; 3) Romanization; 4) Cataloguing; 5) MARC 21 format for bibliographic data; 6) Authority control; 7) Library of Congress Subject Headings; 8) Comparison of AACR2 and RDA; 9) BIBFRAME Initiative.

In Karachi they worked with the Anjuman-e Taraqqi-e Urdu and provided the funds for them to hire a cataloger to begin the process of moving their records from card catalogues to an online database. This will serve as a pilot project to then be replicated at other libraries throughout Pakistan.

For almost all the participants this was their first opportunity to attend such a workshop. They were able to connect with each other, form new networks, and lay out a plan to implement what they had learned during the workshops in their home institutions. Connecting them with the global research and library community provides them with the networks, tools, and knowledge necessary to implement the latest cataloging standards for their materials. The impact of this for researchers, library patrons, and the academic community in not only Pakistan, but also in the U.S.A. is tremendous. Since the foundation for robust research includes proper training for academic support staff like librarians,



the workshop was an important step to empower librarians in Pakistan to bring their resources within easier reach of the global academic community and researchers in Pakistan. The participants exhibited great enthusiasm for the subject matter and expressed gratitude for the opportunity. They requested further workshops to enable them to continue the learning process.

## Additional AIPS Events in Pakistan

*The Islamabad Center had an event-filled year coordinating multiple programs, lectures, visits and receptions.*

1. The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated a **Hollings Center pre-departure orientation of the Afghanistan—Pakistan dialogue** group on November 22, 2016 at Ramada Hotel, Islamabad. Ms. Ashley Mutlu, Hollings Center, coordinated the pre-departure orientation of participants in Pakistan including academics, trade leaders and civil society organization representatives. The meeting focused on exploring possible avenues for dialogue and collaborations with colleges and related organizations in Afghanistan.



2. In association with COMSATS, AIPS Islamabad Center organized a **Fusion Music Concert** at the Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad on January 8, 2017. Music school faculty and students from University of Texas in partnership with National Academy for Performing Arts (NAPA) performed SANGAT at Islamabad. Over 350 people, including the US Public Affairs Officer and Cultural Affairs officer and other delegates and officials from governmental ministries, universities and the Prime Minister Secretariat attended the event. Before Islamabad, the SANGAT team also performed in Karachi, which attracted a large gathering of over 250 attendees.



3. The AIPS Islamabad center hosted visiting faculty members from University of North Carolina, Wilmington (UNCW) under the US Embassy in Pakistan funded faculty exchange partnership program. For this program, UNCW partners with International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI). Dr. Caroline Clements is the Project Director, and she, along with other faculty members visited AIPS center, Islamabad on February 16 and held courtesy meetings with the AIPS Pakistan Director, Mr. Nadeem Akbar, along with the visiting AIPS Trustee, Dr. Robert Nichols. AIPS has been facilitating visa processing and other logistics for the ongoing faculty exchange program between UNCW and IIUI.



4. The AIPS Islamabad center hosted a series of talks by visiting Trustee, Dr. Robert Nichols, (Professor of History, Stockton University, New Jersey) at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, COMSATS, Islamabad and Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad during his visit, February 4 – 20, 2017. Dr. Nichols gave talks related to his book, ***Frontier Crime Regulations: History in Documents***, at Quaid-i-Azam and Allama Iqbal Open University, which was well attended by students and faculty at both the universities. He gave a separate talk titled, ***History of Environment*** at COMSATS, Islamabad on February 23, which was hosted by the Center for Research in Climate Change at COMSATS, Islamabad. Faculty and students along with officials from Ministry of Climate Change attended the talk and interacted with the scholar on various historical aspects of Climate Change issues.



5. AIPS Trustee Prof. Charles H. Kennedy, Wake Forest University presented his paper ***Bureaucracy in Pakistan: Reforms and Transformations*** at the Eleventh Humanities and Social Sciences Conference Pakistan at Seventy: The Long View at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on April 9, 2017. More than 40 participants attended his presentation. AIPS Islamabad Center organized a reception for



Prof. Kennedy, members of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), and select Forman Christian College University members at Lahore Gymkhana

6. AIPS Islamabad Center organized a Round Table Briefing on ***Trump Administration: Myths and Realities*** with Prof. Miriam Golden (AIPS Member), UCLA at Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) on June 20, 2017. More than 30 participants attended this roundtable.
7. AIPS Islamabad Center organized a two-day training workshop on ***Archaeology/Smelting techniques*** for Quaid I Azam University faculty and students. This workshop was held at the AIPS Islamabad Center and was led by AIPS Trustee Jonathan Mark Kenoyer.
8. AIPS Islamabad Center visiting US scholars Dr. David G. Hirsch (Professor, University of California – Los Angeles) under the US Embassy in Pakistan funded AIPS Workshop Series in Pakistan. Dr. Hirsch co-led the first workshop on ***Libraries and Cataloging of Materials in a Digital Age*** with Dr. Christopher Ryan Perkins (Professor, Stanford University) in Karachi on July 24 – 27, 2017.
9. AIPS Islamabad Center hosted a dinner reception in honor of visiting US scholars Dr. Christopher Ryan Perkins (Professor, Stanford University) and the participants of the ***Libraries and Cataloging of Materials in a Digital Age*** workshop on September 27, 2017. Former AIPS President, Dr. Kamran A. Ali attended this reception.



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