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# President's Report

Dear Friends,

AIPS's mission of encouraging and supporting research on issues relevant to Pakistan is making significant strides. The AIPS staff in the United States and Pakistan, who are instrumental in the institute's operations, deserve great praise. Laura Hammond and Paige Hendricks stand out in Madison for their



**Dr. Matthew A. Cook,**  
**AIPS President**

exceptional contributions. Atufa Qazi, in AIPS's Pakistan office, also deserves recognition for her hard work and dedication. The institute's newer employees, Larissa Cerbin, Michael McPhee, and Krystal Lin, also play crucial roles in promoting AIPS's mission.

I sincerely thank the outgoing Individual Member Trustees (i.e., Will Glover [University of Michigan], Amber Abbas [Saint Joseph's University], Carla Petievich [Hoshyar Foundation], and Elizabeth Lhost [University of California, Los Angeles]) for their dedicated service. I welcome the four new Individual Member Trustees: Dean

Accardi (Connecticut College), Hassan Abbas (National Defense University, Washington D.C.), Natasha Raheja (Cornell University), and Raisur Rahman (Wake Forest University). I look forward to benefiting from their fresh perspectives on the Board of Trustees.

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Congratulations to Gwen Kirk (Indiana University, Bloomington) and Sana Haroon (University of Massachusetts, Boston) on their election to the AIPS Executive Committee. I also congratulate Sameetha Agha (Pratt Institute) on her election as AIPS Secretary and Daniel Majchrowicz (Northwestern University) on his election as AIPS Vice President. I look forward to working with the new (and existing) Executive Committee members, both ex officio and at large.

With support from a U.S. Embassy grant, AIPS partnered with several universities in Pakistan and the United States on higher education programming. This past year, the institute partnered with FAST University, Islamabad, Karakoram International University, Women University of Multan, and Women University of Swabi. Over the next year, it will organize programs with the University of Chitral, Shah Abdul Latif University, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Women University of AJK, Forman Christian College University, and the University of Karachi. AIPS's U.S.-based programming partners include the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Delaware, and Huston-Tillotson University.

In addition to receiving a grant from the U.S. Embassy last year for programming and exchanges between Pakistan and the United States, AIPS's Title VI grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education this year was successful. The institute's proposal aimed to promote research, exchange, and area studies by enhancing Pakistan Studies and language training. It had three objectives: (1) increase the number of experts in Pakistan Studies (especially among emerging scholars, as well as minority-serving and community college faculty), (2) improve access to Pakistan Studies, language training, and curriculum development for underrepresented institutions and faculty, and (3) boost the availability of online open-access information about Pakistan. The grant will help support AIPS and its mission over four years, starting in 2024 and ending in 2028. I especially want to thank Paige Hendricks, who helped co-write the Title VI grant.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to the Board of Trustees. Their engagement and work are critical to AIPS's success and the promotion of Pakistan Studies.

All the best,

Matt



Front cover photo: Dr. Farhat Haq, Naltar Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

Back cover photo: Dr. Farhat Haq, Baltit Fort, Naltar Valley, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan.

# AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

**1. Dr. Walter Hakala (Associate Professor, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York) visited Islamabad** in November-December 2023. Ms. Atufa Qazi (AIPS-Pakistan Assistant Director) and Mr. Yasir Ansari (AIPS-Pakistan Program Coordinator) hosted a lunch in honor of his visit.



**2. AIPS facilitated a workshop** titled, "Victorian Literary Representations of Non-English Speech" for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate English students at Forman Christian College University in Lahore. This workshop was led by Dr. Walter Hakala from November 21-November 24, 2023.



**3. AIPS facilitated a faculty training workshop** titled "GIS and Photogrammetry" led by Dr. Uzma Rizvi (Professor, Pratt Institute), Dr. James Greg Smith (Professor, Northwest College), Ms. Sara Eichner (Faculty, Pratt Institute), Ms. Sarah Burry (Researcher, Pratt Institute), and Ms. Deniz Cavdir (Graduate Assistant, Pratt Institute). This workshop was co-led by Dr. Shakirullah (Professor, Hazara University Mansehra-KPK) and took place at Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur-Sindh from December 9-29, 2023. Lecturers and researchers from various Pakistani universities in Punjab, Sindh, and Baluchistan provinces attended the workshop.



**4. Dr. Uzma Rizvi, Sara Eichner, and Zain Haider** assisting participants of the "GIS and Photogrammetry" workshop on December 15, 2023.



**5. GIS Workshop participants** received a tour of Mohenjo-Daro, Sindh.





## AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

**6. Dr. Rebecca Nixon (Professor, University of Delaware), with sponsorship from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad** and assistance from AIPS, traveled to Pakistan to give lectures at the “Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest.” Dr. Nixon discussed climate and environmental issues, specifically the limitations in addressing these factors facing Pakistan and South Asia. She also held a series of meetings with students, researchers, and faculty from various Pakistani colleges and universities. She met with groups from the Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN), as well. ThinkFest was held at the Alhamrah Art Council in Lahore from January 13-14, 2024.



**7. AIPS signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with FAST** National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences in Islamabad on May 24, 2024. Dr. Matthew Cook (AIPS President) and Dr. Aftab Ahmed (Rector, FAST) signed the MOU for cooperation and collaboration on future endeavors at the university.



**8. Dr. Mazhar Saeed (Managing Director, National Book Foundation, Islamabad)** visited the AIPS Islamabad office to discuss the publishing of AIPS scholars' publications.



**9. AIPS also signed an MOU with the University of Sindh Jamshoro** on May 24, 2024. Vice-Dr. Muhammad Siddique Kalhoro (Professor and Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh Jamshoro) is pictured with Dr. Matthew Cook.



# Individual Grantees

## AIPS Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan 2024

Since 2012, AIPS has offered Short-Term Research Grants to AIPS members regardless of citizenship. This year, AIPS allocated nine Short-Term Research Grants to allow scholars to perform preliminary or exploratory research in Pakistan for one to three months using AIPS's unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are available on the AIPS website.

### Shuyan (Michael) Huang

Institution: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Field: Political Science  
Project Title: "Public Diplomacy, Propaganda, and Public Opinion: Measuring the Impact of Information and News Dissemination by the Chinese State in Pakistan"

### Noormah Rizwan

Institution: Michigan State University  
Field: Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics  
Project Title: "Can Informality be Welfare-Enhancing? Evidence from Karachi's Residential Water Market"

### Shafaq Sohail

Institution: University of Texas at Austin  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: "Peasants, Property, and the Politics of Climate Change in Punjab, Pakistan"

### Faria Shaikh

Institution: University of Oregon  
Field: Journalism and Communication  
Project Title: "Understanding the Impact of Social Marketing Campaigns on Reproductive Health Behavior of Women in Pakistan"

### Aqib Ali

Institution: Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Field: English  
Project Title: "Trauma-informed Literacy for Transgender Students in Pakistan"

### Asif Mehmood

Institution: State University of New York  
Field: Environmental Studies  
Project Title: "The Socio-epistemic Ecology of Coal in Tharparkar (Sindh-Pakistan)"

### Muhammad Rizvan Saeed

Institution: Ohio University  
Field: Communication  
Project Title: "Men's Stigma Management Communication in Cases of Infertility"

### Ilsa Abdul Razzak

Institution: University of Washington, Seattle  
Field: History  
Project Title: "Everyday Fiqh: Legal Encounters in Early Modern South Asia"

### Muhammad Osama Imran

Institution: University of Minnesota  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: "Breaths of Extimacy: Rooh-Driven Ethics and Free Submission among the Sufi Practitioners of Naqshbandia Awaisia in Pakistan"

## AIPS Conference Travel Grants 2023-2024

AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members' participation in international and domestic conferences. Grants for U.S. citizens are funded through either the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State or the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). Non-U.S. citizens are funded by AIPS's unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are on the AIPS website.

### Naveeda Khan

International Travel Grant  
Institution: Johns Hopkins University  
Conference Name: Lahore Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest  
Conference Dates: Jan 12-14, 2024  
Title of Paper(s): Discussion on "In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South"

### SherAli Tareen

International Travel Grant  
Institution: Franklin and Marshall College  
Conference Name: Lahore Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest  
Conference Dates: Jan 12-14, 2024  
Title of Paper(s): Book Panel on "Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friendship after Empire"

### Ahmed Afzal

Domestic Travel Grant  
Institution: California State University, Fullerton  
Conference Name: Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies  
Conference Dates: Apr 24-27, 2024  
Title of Paper(s): "Interrogating Working-Class and Undocumented South Asian Transmigrant Experience in a Pakistani Drama Series, Jackson Heights"

## AIPS Fellowships 2023-2024

Each year, AIPS awards long-term Pre-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships for two to nine months. Funding for these fellowships comes from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State, through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), and from AIPS's unrestricted funds. These awards have been highly competitive, and AIPS is excited to announce the recently awarded fellows below. Full abstracts and final reports for all fellows are accessible on the AIPS website.

### Adeem Suhail

Institution: Franklin and Marshall College  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: "Policy-making at World's End: Climate Mitigation and the Culture of Political Negotiation in Pakistan"  
Fellowship Type: Post-Doctoral Fellow

## Individual Grantees

### Ilqua Lutfi

Institution: University of Chicago  
Field: Social Science  
Project Title: "Balancing Acts: Navigating Gendered-Class Relations in Karachi's Domestic Labor Spaces"  
Fellowship Type: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

### Asif Sandeelo

Institution: University of Georgia  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: "Multispecies Diplomacy: Elite Falconry, Wildlife Laws, and the Politics of Conservation"  
Fellowship Type: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

### Kamini Masood

Institution: Columbia University  
Field: History  
Project Title: "Weathering Crisis: Self, State and Environmental Disaster in South Asia (1707-1849)"  
Fellowship Type: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

### Shandana Waheed

Institution: Stanford University  
Field: Anthropology and Archaeology  
Project Title: "Present of the Past: Ownership, Belonging, and Politics of Heritage in Rawalpindi"  
Fellowship Type: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

### Syed Haider Shahbaz

Institution: University of California, Los Angeles  
Field: Comparative Literature  
Project Title: "All Voices Are Mine: Forms of Anticolonial Relation in Urdu Periodicals"  
Fellowship Type: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

### ACSA Panel Funding

AIPS funded the travel of three scholars in Pakistan to participate in an accepted panel at the 2023 Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI.

### J. Mark Kenoyer on behalf of panelist, Kaleemullah Lashari (Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of Sindh)

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Title of Paper: "Conservation of Historical Monuments in Pakistan: Example of the Portuguese and Omani Period in Gwadar"  
Panel Title: "Archaeological and Historical Cultural Heritage Documentation and Preservation in South Asia: Foundational Practices and Innovative Solutions"

### Naveeda Khan on behalf of panelist, Ghazal Asif Farrukhi (LUMS)

Institution: Johns Hopkins University  
Title of Paper: "Three Women from Elias' Khwabnama"  
Panel Title: "Ilyas' Khwabnama, the Coming Community, and the Missing Peasant"

### SherAli Tareen on behalf of panelist, Zahra Sabri (IBA-Karachi)

Institution: Franklin & Marshall College  
Title of Paper: "How Important were Madāris Really in Producing the Best 'Ulama? A View from Studies of South Asia, c. 1100-1800 AD"  
Panel Title: "Evolving History, Evolving Functions: The Madrasah in South Asia"

## GRANTEE TESTIMONIAL

**"Receiving the grant from AIPS was a transformative experience for my research and professional growth.**

The support enabled me to immerse myself in Pakistan, where I had the opportunity to conduct my research and get to know many local experts. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity, which has significantly advanced my work and broadened my horizons." — Michael Huang, AIPS Short-Term Research Grantee

Photo: Dr. Paul Edleman



# AIPS Conferences and Workshops



## American Pakistan Educational Exchange (APEX)

Date: February 26-27, 2024

Location: Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore, Pakistan

The American Pakistan Educational Exchange (APEX) program brought eight faculty from Bristol Community College and Sauk Valley Community College to Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore, Pakistan. In conjunction with the APEX program, four faculty members from Sauk and four from Bristol attended the 4th Annual Social Sciences and Humanities Conference at Kinnaird. Each U.S. participant delivered keynotes or workshops on their content areas (political science, English, humanities, fine arts, public policy). In addition, Kinnaird led cultural visits and visits with officials from Pakistan to introduce the U.S. faculty to Pakistan, its culture, and its people. The objective of APEX programming is intended to foster person-to-person contact across both nations to enhance cultural understanding and professional collaboration between U.S. and Pakistan academic institutions and local communities. APEX expands the field of Pakistan studies beyond research to include direct efforts to build cultural awareness and reveal cultural insights across both nations through reciprocal in-person exchanges, facilitate personal relationships between faculty and students for the purpose of collaboration, and the introduction of Pakistan studies into U.S. community college classrooms and to under representative populations through course modules and direct and virtual programming.

Dr. Paul Edleman (Sauk Valley Community College) and Professor Farah Habib (Bristol Community College) co-led this program from the U.S., and Professor Zubda Zia (Kinnaird College) was the Pakistan facilitator.



## GIS and Photogrammetry Workshop

Date: December 11-16, 2023

Location: Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Sindh, Pakistan

Pratt Institute's GIS and Photogrammetry Workshop was intentionally designed to expose junior faculty to new, open-source technologies in GIS and Photogrammetry. This workshop, led by Dr. Uzma Rizvi (Pratt Institute), focused on junior faculty so they could enhance their research and provide resources to make the basics of GIS and Photogrammetry teachable to their students. By using cutting-edge technology and cartography techniques, the students can improve Pakistani archaeological and historical knowledge and documentation, aiding not just in depiction but more crucially in analysis. This enables their colleagues to produce data visualizations. Using open-source software to learn mapping and documentation provides a foundation upon which faculty can build other skill sets based on the needs of their projects.

In addition to building the skill set, Pratt's workshop built a community of professionals. According to Dr. Rizvi, it is rare to find a discipline that can still bring together folks from all four provinces in the modern day. The bonds these faculty and professionals built with one another will last a lifetime and will prove to assist them as they become the next generation of Department Heads, etc. The seminar ended with one-on-one meetings with each of the participants so they could chart out the future directions of their work, how they could support each other, and how the facilitators could support them as they move through their careers. Listening to what resources or support the students might need helped the workshop facilitators assess what sorts of programs might be possible in the future.

## AIPS Conferences and Workshops



### 13th Annual Pakistan Conference

Date: [March 29, 2024](#)

Location: [Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, USA](#)

This conference was organized by Dr. Matthew Hull (University of Michigan) along with graduate students Srimati Ghosal, Asa Willoughby, and Caitlyn Marentette. The conference examined language use in Pakistan with a focus on native linguistic diversity that has challenged colonial-nationalist notions of monolingualism. Drawing upon work by Tariq Rahman, the conference aimed to generate discussion that unpacks the language hegemonies associated with Pakistan and their current places within the multilingual spaces that its citizens inhabit.

## AIPS Opportunities

Please contact AIPS for more information on applying for these opportunities.

### Institutional Membership Waiver

For the first two years of membership, AIPS waives the Institutional Membership fee (\$250) for two-year colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions. Representatives of these institutions serve on the Board of Trustees, have full voting rights, and are eligible for numerous funding opportunities available through AIPS. A permanent faculty member who is involved in Pakistan Studies should submit a proposal for affiliation. As soon as AIPS receives this application, the Executive Committee members will discuss and vote.

### AIPS Book Prize

AIPS is soliciting books (single-authored monographs, no edited volumes) published during the last three years or nearly published books (galleys must be available) for the annual AIPS Book Prize. The award recipient will receive a monetary reward from AIPS (\$1,000). In addition, AIPS will recommend the manuscript for publication in Pakistan with an appropriate press. Publishing in Pakistan is strongly encouraged but not a condition of the award.

Applicants in all disciplines are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is January 10, 2025.

### Workshop or Co-Sponsorship of Conference in Pakistan

AIPS has funds to support a workshop or co-sponsorship of a conference in Pakistan. The budget can fund travel for US-based scholars or can be used to assist a university in organizing a conference/workshop. This workshop must be collaborative with a local academic institution in Pakistan.

In order to be eligible for these awards the applicant must be affiliated with an AIPS Institutional Member. Awards range between \$6,000-\$10,000, depending on budget needs.

This award is funded through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

### US Conference or Workshop on Pakistan

AIPS sets aside seed money each year for organizing a Pakistan-related conference or workshop in the US. Any AIPS Institutional Member can submit a proposal for up to \$4,000. These funds may be used to support airfare and other direct conference expenses.

\*Please note that the award will be with your institution, not you as an individual.\*

This award is funded through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.



# Introduction to Urdu Language & Culture Course

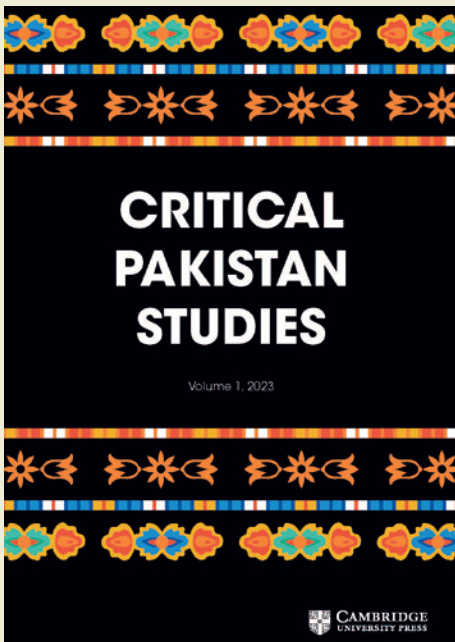
Since Spring 2023, AIPS has hosted three iterations of an online course, Introduction to Urdu Language and Culture. Enrollment was open to all interested in exploring the Urdu language and culture, and faculty members at Community Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) were eligible to receive total funding to participate in the course thanks to support from the Department of Education's Title VI Overseas Research Centers. A total of 52 people have participated in the classes, and 23 of those participants are affiliated with a Community College or MSI. In this 10-week asynchronous course, participants gained a solid foundation in Urdu and learned about the rich cultural traditions of Pakistan and other Urdu-speaking regions. The 10-week online course was ideal for those who wanted to get an overview of the basics of the Urdu writing system, learn conversational Urdu useful for daily activities (e.g., shopping, ordering in restaurants), and explore cultural themes via dramas, movies, songs, and poetry.

Participants could earn up to 2.0 CEU credits for completing the course. The course was designed by Dr. Jameel Ahmad, who has been teaching beginning to advanced-level Urdu for over a decade at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Participants had the opportunity to:

- Learn the basics of the Urdu writing system (Calligraphic Arabic-Persian script)
- Gain a basic foundation in the Urdu language, vocabulary, and conversation skills.
- Explore cultural topics. Urdu language learning was connected and deeply woven with the rich cultural traditions of Pakistan and South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) in this course. Most of the course time was devoted to culture and included Bollywood movies/songs, Pakistani TV dramas, Urdu poetry, and Pakistani cuisines.

# Critical Pakistan Studies New Open-Access Journal from AIPS and CUP



AIPS is excited to announce the debut of *Critical Pakistan Studies*, a new open-access journal published with the support of Cambridge University Press. *Critical Pakistan Studies* (CPS) publishes primary source interpretive research that tackles broader interdisciplinary issues in addition to Pakistan and Pakistanis. The journal's interdisciplinary approach pushes beyond the nation-state, security, Islam, extremism, and other topics that narrowly define the study of Pakistan. It analyzes, discusses, and seeks to understand the varied and multi-layered contexts that constitute Pakistan and its people (both past and present and in South Asia and the wider world).

The first articles of CPS are now publicly available on the Cambridge website: [cambridge.org/cps](https://cambridge.org/cps)

The journal is affiliated with the Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud--Center for South Asian Studies and the University of Exeter South Asia Centre. The journal's website provides more information on the journal and author submission guidelines.



# AIPS Umbrella Grant

**A**IPS was awarded a two-year grant for the pursuit of its commitment to promoting scholarly exchange between the U.S. and Pakistan. Granted by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, AIPS will implement five programs between 2024-2025:

1. An American Studies curriculum exchange & conference.
2. A digital citizenship boot camp.
3. A science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) training series.
4. A U.S.-Pakistan higher education workshop series.
5. A university partnership for promoting civic leadership for social change.

AIPS strongly supports promoting education, empowering digital citizens, women and youth, and civic leadership. Reflecting this commitment, AIPS strives to prioritize participation by women, underrepresented groups, and non-elites (as well as non-elite schools) in its programming.

\*AIPS is not currently accepting applications for these programs. If this changes, eligible participants will be notified.

## 1. American Studies

This exchange program is designed to enhance knowledge of the U.S. in Pakistan, followed by a conference in Islamabad. The University of Wisconsin-Madison hosted the first American Studies Institute from July-August 2024. Nine faculty members from five universities in Pakistan traveled to the U.S. to attend lectures and participate in discussions centered on topics related to American Studies (literature, politics, law, economics, education, foreign policy, and much more). The exchange was led by UW professors Dr. Grant Nelsestuen and Dr. Daniel Kapust. A second cohort will travel to Madison in the summer of 2025.

Additionally, former AIPS President Dr. Farhat Haq has been traveling across Pakistan to host public lectures at universities in Pakistan. She is also engaging in one-on-one or small-group faculty mentoring at partner universities. To date, she has facilitated lectures at four universities – Women University Multan, Women University Swabi, Karakoram International University, and the Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology (FAST).



American Studies participants at the UW Law School



American Studies participants during a lecture

## 2. Digital Citizenship

This program brings AIPS into collaboration with the Digital Rights Foundation (DRF) to host eight 15-day boot camps across Pakistan. These boot camps are designed to enhance responsible digital citizenship in Pakistan, including building knowledge and skills about the importance of digital citizenship and digital communication.

DRF and AIPS collaborated to hold two boot camps so far this year:

- Karakoram International University June 1-12, 2024 61 attendees



- University of Karachi April 22-May 3, 2024 63 attendees







STEM Sisters at the University of Delaware

### 3. STEM Sisters

In partnership with the University of Delaware (AIPS Institutional Member), this program targets undergraduate women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields at universities throughout Pakistan. AIPS and the University of Delaware (UDel) hosted the first STEM Sisters cohort this summer. These 27 students visited UDel and Washington, DC for a three-week summer institute focused on climate change and sustainability. The women attended many lectures, discussions, and excursions to explore these themes. Faculty members from UDel, including Drs. Dana Veron, Matt Kinservik, Terrianne Lavin, and Saleem Ali, facilitated this exchange and will host another cohort next summer.

While in Madison, they participated in sessions to build on their leadership skills and implement new ideas at their home universities.

Nikki Davis (Chief of Staff, UW International Division) and Laura Hammond (Director, UW Language Program Office) facilitated this program and will host the next cohort in the summer of 2025.



Higher Education Leadership at UW-Madison



Higher Education Leadership participants during a lecture

### 4. Higher Education Leadership

This program is a two-week workshop hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the development of higher education leadership skills. In July-August 2024, UW hosted 12 women faculty members for this two-week workshop to foster leadership skills, professional growth, equity, and diversity in Pakistan's higher education workplace. The women represented 6 universities in Pakistan, and a variety of disciplines (psychology, mathematics, physics, education, computer sciences, economics, and more).

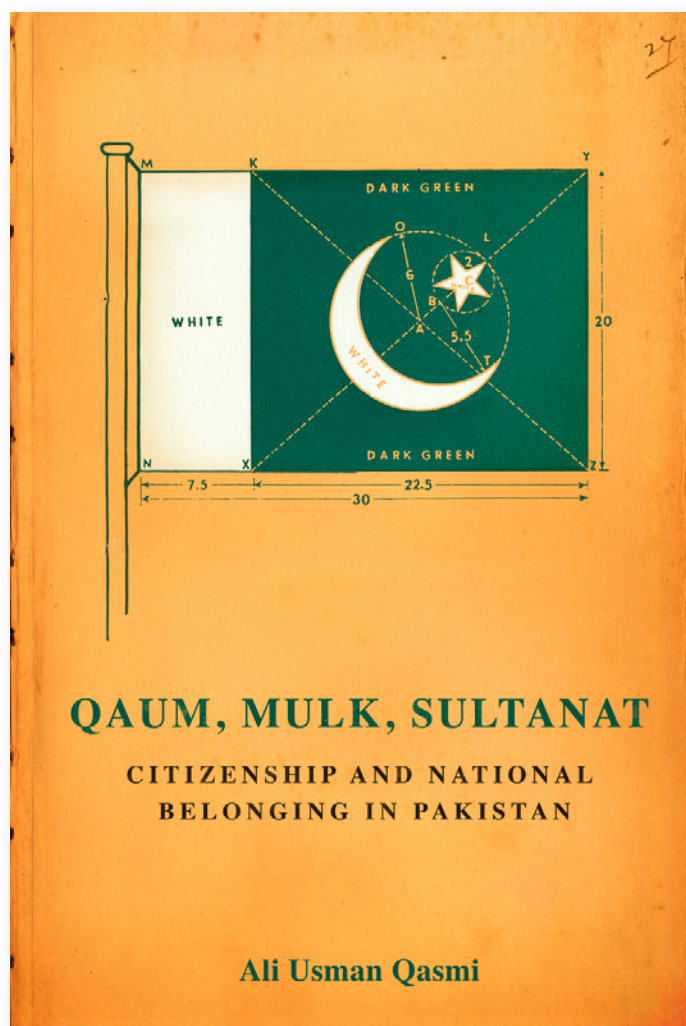
### 5. Civic Leadership

In partnership with Hutson-Tillotson University (AIPS Institutional Member) and North Carolina Central University (AIPS Institutional Member), Pakistani students from higher education institutions will come to the U.S. to learn and be mentored on the importance of civic engagement and social responsibilities. During this three-week summer program, led by AIPS Executive Committee member Dr. Michael Hirsch, these students will be equipped with the tools, skills, and strategies to build networks and work cooperatively to address societal challenges.



# AIPS 2024 BOOK PRIZE

**C**ongratulations to Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi (Assistant Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences) for receiving the 2024 AIPS Book Prize for his book *Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat: Citizenship and National Belonging in Pakistan!*



The committee found this book to be “a significant and original contribution to Pakistan Studies and South Asia Studies, and to the study of nationality, citizenship, and state formation. Qasmi substantively addresses a wide variety of ideas associated with identity as citizens and with national belonging in Pakistan. *Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat* is highly engaging and richly informative from the beginning until the bibliography and index. The work draws from a wide scope of fields including history, religion, political biography, case law, policy-making, and classical Urdu poetry.”

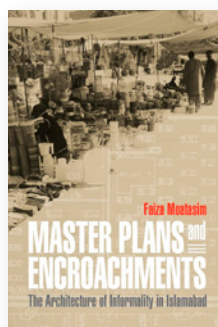
The book was the committee’s unanimous choice for this award given its enormous contribution to Pakistan Studies. It will be a highly valuable addition for courses on Citizenship and Nationality, Partition, Muslim Societies, and Government and Politics.

## Honorable Mentions

(equally ranked)

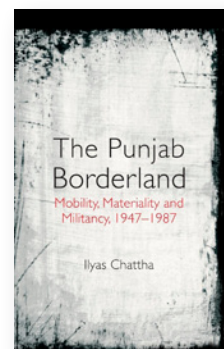
**Faiza Moatasim:** *Master Plans and Encroachments: The Architecture of Informality in Islamabad.* University of Pennsylvania Press, 2023.

Committee notes: “This is a thoroughly engaging read and makes an important contribution to our understanding of the making of Islamabad, Pakistan’s remarkable national



capital. It also makes a significant contribution to the interdisciplinary study of the informal sector in which most of the world and most people in Pakistan live and work. The original concepts that Moatasim develops and deploys such as “elite informality” demonstrate that it is not only capital, terms of work, production, and service processes that can be made informal (thereby reducing or eliminating employers’ expenses for recognized work) but also the application and interpretation of law and regulation that can be made informal. The insights about Islamabad (including those related to Imran Khan’s Bani Gali estate) are richly revealing of Pakistan broadly. It is a beautifully produced book with more than fifty illustrations.

**Ilyas Chattha:** *The Punjab Borderland: Mobility, Materiality and Militancy, 1947–1987.* Cambridge University Press, 2022.

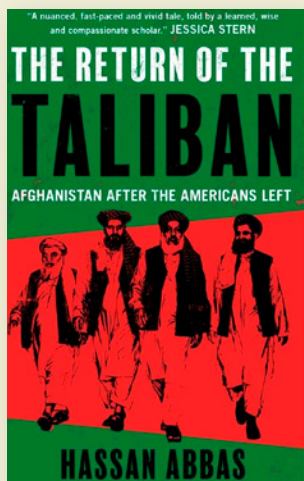


Committee notes: “This impressive, important, engaging work establishes the study of contraband culture in Pakistani Punjab. The discussion is rich and detailed and shows how formality is penetrated by and often relies on informality. Good scholarship brings into relief the role played by the black market in the economic, physical and social development of Karachi after partition. It provides insights into the practical politics of Indo-Pak relations as played out along the Punjab border with some contrasts on border politics between India and East and West Pakistan. The reasons for the solidification of this Punjab border are clearly elucidated. A good triangulation of methods informs this work.”



# AIPS Member Publications and Resources

**Hassan Abbas**, Distinguished Professor, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies  
 Abbas, Hassan. 2023. *The Return of the Taliban: Afghanistan After the Americans Left*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

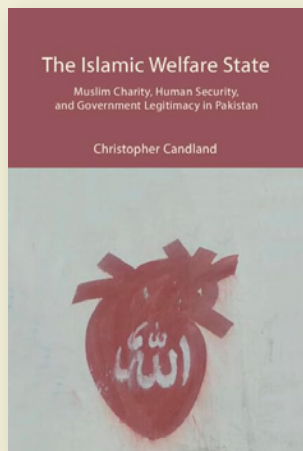


**Andrew Amstutz**, Assistant Professor, Queens College CUNY; **Isabel Huacuja Alonso**, Assistant Professor, Columbia University  
 Huacuja Alonso, Isabel, and Andrew Amstutz. "Rethinking the Second World War in South Asia: Between Theatres and beyond Battles." *Modern Asian Studies* 57, no. 5 (2023): 1449-58.

**Meher Ali**, Graduate Student, Princeton University  
 Ali, Meher. 2023. "'Satrah Din, Satrah Saal': Media, Propaganda, and Virtual Warfare in the India-Pakistan War of 1965." *South Asia: The Journal of South Asian Studies*, (November), 1-23.

**Elena Bashir**, Senior Lecturer Emerita, The University of Chicago  
 Bashir, Elena. 2023. "A Khovar-English Glossary." *Himalayan Linguistics Archive* 12:1-160.

**Christopher Candland**, Professor, Wellesley College  
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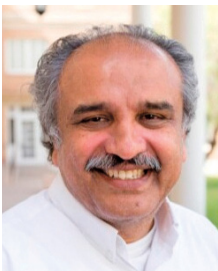
# AIPS Member Highlights



**Hassan Abbas**  
Professor, National Defense University  
Dr. Hassan Abbas participated in a conversation with Zanjani Library Forum in Lahore moderated by

Fahad Kazmi, Ph.D. candidate in Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia. The conversation was about Dr. Abbas's recent book *The Prophet's Heir: The Life of Ali ibn Abi Talib* (Yale University Press, March 2021).

Dr. Abbas also wrote a book titled *The Return of the Taliban: Afghanistan After the Americans Left* published by Yale University Press in May 2023. In the book, Dr. Abbas examines the resurgent Taliban as ruptures between moderates and the hardliners in power continue to widen.



**Kamran Ali**  
Professor, University of Texas at Austin  
Dr. Kamran Ali published a book titled *Towards Peoples' Histories in Pakistan - (In)audible Voices,*

*Forgotten Pasts*. The book explores the histories and lives of the people of Pakistan, focusing on social and cultural life. By critically examining both leftist and nationalist thought, the book explores competing visions of what is meant by 'the people' and charts new ground in developing the promise of people's histories both within Pakistan and beyond.

Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali, Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Critical Pakistan Studies*, was featured in a video where he presented his aspirations for *Critical Pakistan Studies* to be a high-standard, first-rate, and top-tier interdisciplinary source of information on Pakistan. *Critical Pakistan Studies* is a new open-access journal published with the support

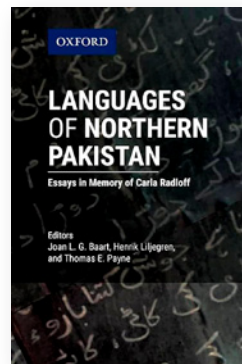
of Cambridge University Press that tackles broader interdisciplinary issues in addition to Pakistan and Pakistanis.

## Saleem Ali

Professor, University of Delaware  
Dr. Saleem H. Ali was invited to do a TED talk on the idea of a "Minerals Trust for the Green Transition" at the "Big Bets Salon" sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. The live presentation was held at the TED World Theater at their headquarters in New York and the video already has over 350,000 views online. Saleem was invited given his role as an alumnus of the Bellagio Residency with the Rockefeller Foundation and being a member of the United Nations International Resource Panel and also on the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Zero Waste. He also wrote an accompanying article for *Forbes* on the idea.

## Andrew Amstutz

Assistant Professor, Queens College CUNY  
In August 2023, Dr. Andrew Amstutz joined Queens College CUNY as an Assistant Professor of History.



uted to the book *Languages of Northern Pakistan: Essays in Memory of Carla Radloff*. The book is a collection of writing that covers research on the many languages and cultures in the northern areas of Pakistan and is dedicated to the memory of Carla Radloff, who was a well-known contributor to the study of languages in Northern Pakistan. The book is now available as an E-Book through Oxford University Press.

## Elena Bashir, John Mock

Senior Lecturer Emerita, The University of Chicago /Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Drs. Elena Bashir and John Mock recently contrib-

## Matthew Cook

Professor, North Carolina Central University  
Dr. Matthew A. Cook was recently featured in the *Daily Times* during a trip to Sindh. The article covered his involvement in an interactive session at the Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh Jamshoro, as well as AIPS's intent to assist the Pakistan Study Centre at the University of Sindh in bringing U.S. faculty over to conduct training and develop strong academic linkages with the U.S. universities.

## Paul Edleman, Farah Habib

Professor, Sauk Valley Community College  
Associate Professor, Bristol Community College

Co-directors of the American-Pakistan Exchange (APEX) program, Dr. Paul Edleman and Professor Farah Habib, and Professor Zubda Zia, launched a successful inaugural two-part cultural exchange program in October 2023. While at Bristol and Sauk Valley, students and faculty participated in academic course workshops and collaborative projects. While in Lahore, Pakistan, faculty attended the Kinnaird College 4th International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities, in which Professors Edleman and Habib presented keynotes. Following the exchange, Bristol and Sauk Valley signed a memorandum of understanding with Kinnaird to facilitate future collaborations.



**Marcia Hermansen**  
Professor, Loyola University Chicago  
Dr. Marcia Hermansen participated in the Breaking Barriers through Diversity and Inclusion conference

organized in Islamabad Feb. 26-29, 2024 by USAID in collaboration with All Pakistan Women University Consortium and National Rural Support Program.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together representatives from minority serving institutes from across the

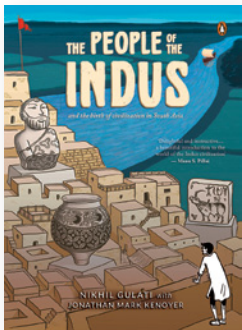


United States including the Virgin Islands and Guam and Pakistan's 18 women universities around themes of Green Alliance, Climate, Women's Empowerment, Localization, and Anti-Corruption.

### Michael Hirsch

Professor, Huston-Tillotson University

Ms. Hina Arooj, Sociology Lecturer at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in Rawalpindi guest-lectured for Dr. Michael Hirsch's Environmental Sociology at Huston-Tillotson University (HT) on February 28, 2024 in which she presented on the "Environmental Challenges in Pakistan." HT and FJWU signed an MOU to foster exchanges between the two universities several years ago. Dr. Hirsch and Dr. Shazia Hashmat of FJWU are currently involved in a cross-cultural analysis of how citizens in both countries make sense of what they believe to be encounters with ghosts.



### J. Mark Kenoyer

Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer won the 2023 Neev Literature Award in the Young Adult Category for his book *The People*

*of the Indus* co-authored with Nikhil Gulati. The book, a graphic history, is an account of how the people of the Indus lived and changed the course of human history.

### Nelofar Khamisani

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University

Nelofar Khamisani presented research titled, "Tracing Genesis of Female Education in Indo-Pak subcontinent 1870-1880" as a part of the KSU Research and Activity Fair. Khamisani discussed the level of education available to women and the collective female impact concerning their access to education during this period of history. As a Ph.D. Candidate and Graduate Teach-

ing Assistant in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at KSU, Khamisani also received multiple awards including the Alumni Leadership Award, Alumni Scholarship Award, Social Justice Advocacy Award from the Department of C&I, and her Professional Development and Leadership Certificates.



### Ken LeBlond

Marketing Communications Manager, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The UMass Civic Initiative has run the Study of the U.S. Institutes Comparative Public Policymaking program for undergraduate Pakistani students every summer since 2010 and is funded through 2026. Kenneth LeBlond is a co-academic director of this program and teaches a weekly writing class. The program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, annually sends 20 Pakistani college students to UMass to learn about local, state, and federal public policymaking. The students also engage in cultural exchange and community service projects. It consists of four weeks at UMass Amherst and two weeks traveling around the East Coast. The program often travels to Pakistan for alumni reunions. Through this program and other Pakistan programs run by the UMass Civic Initiative, the program has over 500 Pakistani alumni.

### Sadaf Sajjad

Professor, Austin Community College

Dr. Sadaf Sajjad received the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Award. This award highlights her dedication to teaching and her significant scholarly accomplishments. The award is bestowed by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, which selects ten Piper Professors from across the state of Texas for their superior teaching

at the college level every year. Dr. Sajjad has been commended for her remarkable efforts to integrate a global studies perspective into her psychology courses, her alignment of course objectives with the master curriculum, her active engagement in global research and for sharing her findings on a national and international forum, and the authoring of an open educational resource textbook, showcasing her commitment to her profession and students.

### Asif Ali Sandeelo

PhD Candidate, University of Georgia

Asif Ali Sandeelo has successfully completed comprehensive coursework and examinations to become an official PhD candidate in the Anthropology and Integrative Conservation (ICON) program at the University of Georgia. Sandeelo's pre-dissertation research touches on climate-change induced human migration in the Indus Delta in Pakistan.

### SherAli Tareen

Professor, Franklin & Marshall College

Dr. SherAli Tareen published a book titled *Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friendship after Empire*. The book explores how leading South Asian Muslim thinkers imagined and contested the boundaries of Hindu-Muslim friendship from the late eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. Arguing that what was often at stake in Muslim scholarly discourse and debates on Hindu-Muslim friendship were unresolved tension and fissures over the place and meaning of Islam in the modern world. *Perilous Intimacies* illuminates the depth, complexity, and profound divisions of the Muslim intellectual traditions of South Asia.

### Anita Weiss

Professor, University of Oregon

Dr. Anita Weiss is quoted in an article by *Time Magazine* titled "Pakistan's Elections Are Being Brazenly Rigged. Why Doesn't the U.S. Seem to Care?" The article explores the current political situation in Pakistan and attempts to understand the U.S.'s response.

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# AIPS 2023-24

## Institutional Member News

### New Institutional Members

AIPS would like to welcome our two new institutional members for 2023-2024! Dr. Sana Haroon (University of Massachusetts Boston) and Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk (Indiana University Bloomington) will serve as the new AIPS Trustees.



### University of Hawai'i Mānoa

The University of Hawai'i Mānoa received an IFLE grant for teaching and course materials development in Hindi/Urdu and South Asian Studies. The project is led by Sai Bhattawadekar (Professor of Hindi/Urdu), with Anna Stirr (Director, Center for South Asian Studies) and Azeema Faizunissa (Urdu and assessment specialist) as key personnel.

The Center for South Asian Studies hosted its Spring Symposium from April 10-12, 2024, on the topic of South Asian Futures, with multiple papers addressing Pakistan as well as other South Asian nations.



Hunza Valley



### University of Oregon and North Carolina State University

Geomorphology and landscape dynamics workshop in Hunza, June 30-July 5, 2024.

Organizers: Dr. Lewis Owen, NCSU and Dr. Anita Weiss, UO



Two AIPS institutional members, North Carolina State University (NCSU) and the University of Oregon (UO), are collaborating on a workshop to be held at the Ofitto Resort in the Hunza Valley June 30-July 5, 2024. This workshop is a collaboration between two U.S. Embassy-funded projects pertaining to the environment in Pakistan, between NCSU and three women universities in Pakistan (Lahore, Rawalpindi and Quetta), and between the UO and Karakorum International University (KIU) in Gilgit. Faculty and graduate students from NCSU's partner universities will benefit from the

expertise of faculty from the UO's partner university KIU, who have traveled to Eugene, OR to hone and share their expertise in the workshop, along with accompanying the participants on daily field visits. The KIU faculty will have the opportunity to exhibit the additional expertise they have gained in Eugene, OR which included workshops on leadership, mentoring, innovative ways of teaching science and building on their knowledge with their mentors.

The workshop's focus is on the development of landforms in response to paleoenvironmental changes, transformations caused by contemporary environmental changes, and practical methods for mitigating associated hazards. Participants will engage with studies of terraces and moraines; glacier lake outburst floods and related matters concerning lakes, landslides, and glacier behavior; shifting glacier dynamics and periglacial processes; and various methods (e.g., geomorphic, sedimentological, remote sensing) to measure these changes. Workshop discussions will be complemented and enhanced by field visits with KIU faculty knowledgeable in the locale, terrain, and geomorphological conditions in the area as they travel to relevant sites around Passu, Ghulkin, and Shispor glaciers.



### University of California, Berkeley

The 2023 S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize was awarded to Dr. Sidra Kamran (PhD, 2022, The New School; Assistant Professor, Sociology, Lewis & Clark College) for



Dr. Sidra Kamran

her dissertation titled "Work, Class Ambiguity, and Multiple Femininities: Women Beauty and Retail Workers in Pakistan's New Service Economy." Dr. Kam-

ran is their ninth recipient. She will deliver a talk based on her work at UC Berkeley's Institute for South Asia Studies during the 2024-25 academic year. The S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies recognizes the best dissertations in Pakistan Studies written in the humanities, social sciences, law, and public health.

UC Berkeley's Institute for South Asia Studies hosted numerous events. The 11th Mohamedali Habib Distinguished Lecture—titled "A Prophet Disarmed"—was delivered by Faisal Devji. The Berkeley Pakistan Initiative also hosted talks by: Sayeed Ferdous (on the Partition as border-making), Teena Purohit (on Sunni chauvinism and Muslim modernism), Brian Bond (on Pakistani cassette culture in Kachchh, Gujarat), Daniel Morgan (on Naqshbandi letter writing and the politics of reform in the 18th century), Nadeem Omar Tarar (on the history of the National College of Arts, Lahore), Iftikhar Dadi (on modernist film), Amna Qayyum (on demography and the state in the 1950s), Zahra Hayat (on the political economy of pharmaceuticals), Shozab Raza (on revolutionary pasts in 1970s southern Punjab), and Jawad Sharif (on his film, *The Indus Blues*).

UC Berkeley also continued its longstanding support for Urdu Studies. It offered the 2024 Mir Research Fellowship in Urdu Studies to enable the research of graduate students in the University of California system. The Fellowship will allow this year's recipients—Daniyal Channa (UC Berkeley),


Spencer Pennington (UC Los Angeles), and Haider Shahbaz (UC Los Angeles)—to conduct original research contributing to the field of Urdu Studies. Such support is on top of the Institute's support for five sections of Urdu language instruction across the academic year.

### Huston-Tillotson University

Dr. Nadia Amin has joined the faculty at Huston-Tillotson University as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Amin brings extensive experience in teaching sociology and interdisciplinary courses. Shaped by her diverse teaching background in Pakistan, the U.S., and the UAE, her pedagogical style reflects a strong emphasis on incorporating a comparative approach to social issues, which she finds highly effective in cultivating students' global perspectives. In 2023, Dr. Amin served as one of the Writing Center Faculty Fellows at Prairie View A&M University, where she

underwent specialized training in integrating writing, speech, and debate across core courses.

Dr. Amin's research centers on the impact of socio-cultural factors, including religion, gender, race, and ethnicity, on educational attainment and perceptions related to higher education. She co-authored a book chapter on religion and stratification published by Cambridge University Press, as well as two peer-reviewed articles in journals such as the *International Journal of Educational Development* and *Gender in Management: An International Journal*. Currently, she is engaged in a collaborative mixed-methods study focusing on identifying predictors of student engagement and development at a minority-serving institution. This research aims to uncover nuanced insights into how socio-cultural dynamics influence educational outcomes and student experiences within diverse academic settings.



**POLITICS AND POETICS OF  
CRISIS: WATER EMERGENCY AND  
HYDROSOCIAL FUTURES IN  
PUNJAB**

Abdul Aijaz  
Department of Geography,  
University of Kentucky


In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the colonial government in Punjab put in place the world's "largest contiguous irrigation" infrastructure. This hydraulic assemblage brought together and put to work the material and affective energies of rivers, waters, sediments, plants, peoples, places, and animals, materializing narratives of modern development and colonial/national progress. Water scarcity and climate change have put multiple pressures on the sustainability of this hydraulic infrastructure, challenging the material configurations of agrarian production and the narratives of progress through control over nature. In this talk, I will explore how water scarcity reconfigures contemporary hydrosocial relations and eco-aesthetics in the canal colonies of Punjab.

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison

AIPS Institutional Member UW-Madison sponsored a talk from Prof. Abdul Aijaz titled "Politics and Poetics of Crisis: Water Emergency and Hydrosocial Futures in Punjab." The talk explored how water scarcity reconfigures contemporary hydrosocial relations and eco-aesthetics in the canal colonies of Punjab and took place on July 23, 2024 both in-person and on Zoom.

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### J. Mark Kenoyer Archaeological Research In Pakistan: 2023-2024

For the past two years, Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer has been in Pakistan working in close collaboration with colleagues Dr. Asma Ibrahim and Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari to carry out salvage archaeology and archaeological field training programs. In summer 2023 he was in Karachi to assist them in the salvage excavation of the site of Allahdino, that is located near Karachi. This project involved staff from the Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Sindh along with members of SEAS (Sindh Exploration and Adventure Society) which is involved in cultural heritage projects throughout Sindh and now Baluchistan. He returned in December 2023 to continue with the work at Allahdino and again in the summer of 2024. In 2024 he was joined by Dr. Randall Law, UW Alumni, for part of the season. The site of Allahdino was first excavated by Dr. Walter Fairervis and his team from 1973 to 1976. The excavation trenches of Dr. Fairervis were never filled back in and the architecture of the site was left exposed to the weather with no conservation. The result of this exposure was the gradual decay of the mudbrick superstructures and overgrowth of the site with local scrub forest. Between March and April 2019, the site was seriously damaged due to the construction of a water tank and the leveling of the area for cultivation by a local land developer. The excavation project was aimed at determining the amount of the site that was still



preserved and to collect charcoal samples for dating, along with other diagnostic artifacts. The project was also a mechanism for providing local staff with excavation experience and training local students in state of the art archaeological field methods and artifact recording protocols. In addition to 20 local laborers who were trained in modern excavation techniques, an additional 52 team members participated in the project. Students and some faculty from local universities also participated, including the University of Karachi and the University of Sindh, Jamshoro. Several of the team members were from the Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Baluchistan. A full report of the excavations is being prepared and will be published in a leading Pakistani journal in the near future.

In addition to his field work at Allahdino, Dr. Kenoyer participated in the N. A Balouch Annual Conference in Karachi in summers 2023 and 2024. He was also invited to participate in the International Conference on Heritage and Cultural Conservation at The University of Lahore, and travelled to Hazara University, Mansehra for lectures and workshops. At Hazara University, he gave lectures and held special experimental archaeology workshops ar-

ranged by Dr. Shakirullah, Chair of the Department of Archaeology. In 2024, he was joined by Dr. Randall Law who also gave a lecture and led a workshop. After traveling to Hazara, Dr. Kenoyer and Dr. Law were invited to visit the Peshawar Museum by the Director General Dr. Abdul Samad to study some of the seals and beads in their collections and conduct a workshop on artifact recording protocols. They both were also invited to give lectures at the Sir Sahibzada Abul Qayum Museum, University of Peshawar, by Dr. Zakirullah Jan, Chair of the Department of Archaeology.

Lastly, Dr. Kenoyer was able to visit Lahore to meet with the Director General of Archaeology, Government of the Punjab Mr. Zaheer Abbas Malik and his staff to discuss resuming work at the site of Harappa and continuing with the training program that was carried out at the site by the Harappa Archaeological Research Project in the past. He traveled to Harappa with Dr. Asma Ibrahim and spent several days recording seals and inscribed objects from the collections at Harappa Museum. During this visit, he was able to see the layout of the new Harappa Museum that is being constructed by the Directorate of Archaeology and will be assisting with some of the display and text in the coming months. Special thanks to AIPS Islamabad staff, Ms. Atufa Qazi and Mr. Yasir Ansari, for their help during his time in Pakistan and to all the AIPS staff in the USA for their ongoing support.

## AIPS 2023-24 Election Results

Congratulations to the following AIPS members who were recently elected as **Individual Member Trustees** on the AIPS Board of Trustees:

- Dr. Hassan Abbas (National Defense University)
- Dr. Dean Accardi (Connecticut College)
- Dr. Natasha Raheja (Cornell University)
- Dr. Raisur Rahman (Wake Forest University)

These Trustees represent AIPS Individual Members on the BOT.

We'd also like to announce the election of the following members to the **AIPS Executive Committee!**

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- Secretary: Dr. Sameetah Agha (Pratt Institute)
- At-Large EC Member: Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk (Indiana University Bloomington)
- At-Large EC Member: Dr. Sana Haroon (University of Massachusetts Boston)

Thanks to all for your willingness to serve!



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