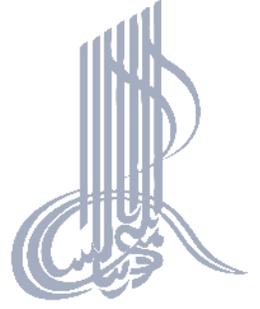


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کان نمک کھیوڑہ



ضروری ہدایات

- 1- ماں بجٹے سے پہلے گوب کے سر پر ایک INDEMNITY BOND پڑھو۔
- 2- 17 سال سے کم بچوں کو ماں کے اندر ہانسنے کی اجازت نہیں ہے۔ چاہے کچھ بڑا یا سرت کی طرف سے دیکھا کہ وہ بچے کو ہانسنے کو دیکھ سکتے ہیں۔
- 3- ماں دیکھنے کی طرف، جس میں ماں میں دال ہونے سے پہلے لدا کرنی ہے۔
- 4- طیارہ کو اپنے کانچ اور نچوڑا سرت کے سر اور ماں دیکھنے کی اجازت ہے۔
- 5- ماں دیکھنے والے مخصوص جگہوں کی سر کر سکتے ہیں اور انہیں وہاں نہیں ہلانا ہے۔
- 6- سر کے دوران ماں ہانسنے والے کھانڈے کے مادی میں اور ان کی ہانسنے کی اجازت لگنے ہوتی ہے۔
- 7- ماں دیکھنے والوں کو کسی بھی ایسی سرگرمی یا کھیل کھیلنے کی اجازت نہیں ہوتی کہ وہ ان کے طور پر ہو۔
- 8- ماں کے اندر تصویریں بنانے اور دیکھنے کی اجازت ہے۔
- 9- ماں دیکھنے والوں کے بیڑی یا سر پر کسی لائٹ ماں کے اندر گھنٹہ نہیں ہے۔
- 10- ٹریک ان کے اوپر ہلانی کی جانے میں گلی کی کونٹ موجود ہے۔ اس سے احتیاط کریں۔
- 11- ماں کے اندر کسی بھی لاکھ لے ہلانا ہے۔
- 12- ماں میں کسی شہ پر نہ پڑھیں۔
- 13- بول ہانی ہلے پر نہ پڑھیں اور سر پر نہ پڑھیں اور ماں کے اندر ہانسنے میں کسی اشتیاق نہیں۔
- 14- کھانا دیکھنے والے کو نہ پڑھیں اور نہ پڑھیں۔
- 15- سر لگنے والے لڑا ہے بچوں اور ماں کی حفاظت کو کریں۔

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## کان نمک کا کھیوڑہ

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کے اس علاقے میں چرنے کے  
کے ہوا تھا، اس وقت سے یہاں  
کان نمک کا سلسلہ دریائے جہلم  
کی لمبائی 300 کلومیٹر چوڑائی  
کھیوڑہ کو ارضیاتی عجائب گھر بھی  
موجودہ دور تک کے حجری آثار  
نیا دوں پر شروع کیا۔ 1872ء  
راہ راست رسائی کیلئے بڑی کان  
زلوں سے نمک نکالا جا رہا ہے۔  
کان چھوڑ دیا جاتا ہے جو کہ کان کی  
رہ ہے یہاں دو کروڑ بیس لاکھ ٹن

# President's Report



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

COVID-19 remains a significant issue that impacts AIPS and its mission. Because of the pandemic, many of AIPS's regular and in-person activities are on ice. Nonetheless, in other ways, AIPS has been busier than ever.

Much of AIPS's time goes into applying for grants. As is always the case, some grant applications work out while others do not. Nevertheless, AIPS continues to have successful grants and is developing collaborative models for future AIPS funding applications. It is also actively working with individual members and exploring how

multiple member institutions can simultaneously collaborate with AIPS to fund and promote its mission(s).

Since last year, grant administration has also absorbed time and effort. In addition to AIPS's Department of Education and CAORC/ECA grants, the Embassy scholar exchange program, which was online, required continued attention and work. (This grant also received a one-year no-cost extension.) Similarly, the BULPIP program, which was taught online in summer 2021, demanded ongoing administration, planning, and adjustment. However, these demands tapered off as BULPIP transitioned to a fully LUMS administered and supported program.

Retaining and expanding member services is an important priority. In Lahore, AIPS established a post-BULPIP support structure for visiting scholars. In Karachi, AIPS has a similar support structure through a new formal arrangement with Alliance Française de Karachi. In Islamabad, AIPS will continue to have the capacity to support members and promote its academic mission(s). Maintaining and further developing this capacity in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi remains essential since it permits AIPS to impact scholarship across Pakistan positively.

In addition to researcher support, AIPS provides and plans to expand publishing opportunities for members. The AIPS reprint series with Oxford University Press, Pakistan, is in full swing and will sponsor two books per year over the next five years. AIPS is also developing partnerships with higher education institutions and academic publishers to promote members' research. These partnerships aim to encourage research about Pakistan and celebrate AIPS's upcoming 50th anniversary in 2023.

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As always, the AIPS staff in Islamabad and Madison deserve high praise. Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar are AIPS's central administrative pillars. Their staff (e.g., Aftufa Qazi, Paige Hendricks, Candice Steffen, John Burmaster, and others) are equally valuable to AIPS operations in the U.S. and Pakistan. THANK YOU! A BIG thanks to John Burmaster, who started a new position elsewhere in April, and Candice Steffen, who, in retirement, refocused on other exciting opportunities. Also, congratulations to Iqbal Sevea on his election as AIPS's Vice President. Finally, thank you to all the Executive Committee and Board of Trustee members for their service. Their hard work is key to AIPS's success and its promotion of Pakistan Studies. Be safe, stay well, and remain healthy!

All the best,

Matt

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# AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

**1. AIPS facilitated an online Master Trainers Workshop** on “Effective Online Teaching and Assessment Skills,” sponsored by the Hollings Center, USA, in collaboration with the Inter-University Consortium for the Promotion of Social Sciences (IUCPSS). The online workshops were held from July 24 to August 28, 2020 and included various Pakistani faculty members and foreign scholars. AIPS fellow, Dr. Julie Flowerday (Visiting Scholar from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA) was one of the speakers at the Master Trainers Workshop. The series of workshops covered five topics:

- Effective Online Teaching Skills
- How to Develop Content/Curriculum for Online Learning
- Effective Online Assessment Skills
- Best International Practices on Online Teaching
- How to Solve Students' Problems in Online Learning



**2. AIPS successfully conducted a short summer webinar course** on “US History, Politics & Culture” in collaboration with the US Embassy, Islamabad, from June 30 to September 3, 2020. A course certificate distribution event was held online, and Dr. Muhammad Ali (Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad) was invited as a special guest to interact with course participants. Dr. Ali appreciated the effort and encouraged participants to benefit more through interaction with US scholars and course speakers.



**3. AIPS met with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training** at Pakistan Secretariat in Islamabad on December 24, 2020. Nadeem Akbar, AIPS Pakistan Director, presented an annual progress report of AIPS activities to the committee members and Ministry Officials. Ms. Farah Hamid (Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training) chaired the meeting. The members included:

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali (Vice Chancellor of Quaid-i-Azam, Islamabad)
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar (Vice Chancellor of National Skills University, Islamabad)
- Prof. Dr. Ziaul Qayyum (Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad)
- Mr. Muhammad Anwar Rashid (Ex-Member of Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore)



**4. Mr. Nadeem Akbar presented a report on AIPS's programs** in the US and Pakistan to the Hon. Federal Minister for Education, Mr. Shafqat Mehmood, on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad. Ms. Wajeeha Ikram (Parliamentary Secretary), Ms. Farah Hamid (Secretary of Education), and other Ministry Officials also attended the meeting. The Minister took a keen interest in AIPS's presentation and looked forward to more interactions between US and Pakistani academics through educational exchanges. Mr. Akbar also presented a set of selected scholarly books authored by AIPS fellows to Mr. Mehmood.

# Individual Grantees

## AIPS Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan 2021

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

### Elliot Montpellier

Institution: University of Pennsylvania  
Field: South Asia Studies  
Project Title: Mediatizing Islam: Social Media, Television Dramas, and the Making of Pious Publics in Pakistan

### Hashim Ali

Institution: University of Illinois-Chicago  
Field: History  
Project Title: Students Strike Back: Youth Life and the Promise of Post-Colonial Pakistan

### Ilma Qureshi

Institution: University of Virginia  
Field: Religious Studies  
Project Title: The Texture, Poetics, and the Taste of Love and Knowledge in Amīr Khusraw and Fakhr al-Dīn Irāqī's Works

### Manav Kapur

Institution: Princeton University  
Field: History  
Project Title: Bounding Nations, Making Citizens': Evacuee Property and Citizenship in Postcolonial South Asia (1947-65)

### Natalya Rahman

Institution: Stanford University  
Field: Political Science  
Project Title: Showing Up is Half the Battle: Candidate Strategy and Vote Choice in Pakistan

## AIPS Conference Travel Grants 2020-2021

AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members' participation in international and domestic conferences. Grants for U.S. citizens get 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-US citizens are funded by AIPS's unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are on the AIPS website.

### Syeda ShahBano Ijaz

Institution: University of California, San Diego  
Conference Name: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Conference Dates: September 30-October 3, 2021  
Title of Paper: Foreign Aid and Compliance with Public Health Orders: Evidence from Pakistan

## AIPS Fellowships 2020-2021

Each year, AIPS awards long-term Junior (pre-doctoral) and Senior (post-doctoral) Fellowships, two to nine months in length. Due to security restrictions, U.S. citizen applicants applying for Junior Fellowships must conduct their research in countries other than Pakistan. However, non-U.S. citizen applicants and U.S. citizens who are Senior Fellows can research in Pakistan and countries other than the United States. 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 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.

### Mashal Saif

Institution: Clemson University  
Field: Religious Studies  
Project Title: Traditional Islam and Modernity in Pakistan: An Intimate Account  
Fellowship Type: Senior, 3.5 months in Pakistan

### Fizza Joffrey

Institution: University of California, Riverside/  
University of Oxford  
Field: Theology and Religion  
Project Title: Processions, Protest, and Identity: Contemporary Shi'ism in Karachi  
Fellowship Type: Junior, 1 month in the UK and Canada

### Muhammad Saad Lakhani

Institution: Stanford University  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: Protectors of the Prophet's Honor: The Politics of Islam, Populism, and Nationalism in Pakistan  
Fellowship Type: Junior, 7 months in Pakistan

### Sarah Eleazar Sadiq

Institution: The University of Texas at Austin  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: Navigating a Toxic Space: Ecological Disaster and Infrastructural Restitution in the Urban-Rural Periphery of Lahore  
Fellowship Type: Junior, 2.5 months in Pakistan

## Virtual Programming Awardees

This past year, AIPS provided honoraria to members participating in virtual research presentations and discussions. Awardees are listed below, and their abstracts and final reports are on the AIPS website.

### Claire Pamment

Institution: College of William and Mary  
Conference: 49th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies (SWCAS)  
Conference Dates: October 23-24, 2020  
Title of Paper: Dis/Orientating Bodies: Bad-hai Transformations in Pakistan

# Urdu Language Awards

## Dean Accardi

Institution: Connecticut College

Conference: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion

Conference Dates: December 10, 2020

Title of Paper: Saints of Kashmiri Resistance and Repression

## Michael Hirsch

Institution: Huston-Tillotson University

Conference: 2020 Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology's Virtual Conference

Conference Dates: October 5-7, 2020

Title of Paper: SWOTing in Pakistan: Examining the Efficacy of a Music Program at a Young Arts Institute

## Mushtaq Bilal

Institution: Binghamton University

Conference: AWP 2021 Virtual Conference and Bookfair

Conference Dates: March 3-7, 2021

Title of Panel: Mangoes or Pizza: Battling Self-Censorship to Write/Right the Self

## Zain Mian

Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Event: Magazine and World Literature Webinar Series

Event Date: March 19, 2021

Title of Paper: A Tale of Two Journals: The Poetics and Politics of Community in Mid-Century South Asia

## LUMS Urdu Course

AIPS funded six faculty/administrators from community colleges or minority-serving institutions to participate in a 10-week online course titled "Beginning Urdu I" that was hosted and facilitated by LUMS. Organizers designed the course for learners without any previous knowledge of Urdu language and culture. The goal of this course was to provide students with the fundamentals of Urdu grammar and help them move from novice low to novice high levels in all four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) using a curriculum designed by instructors experienced in teaching to international students. This course, which uses a communicative approach and an innovative blended curriculum, was conducted online by Dr. Faiza Saleem.

AIPS also funded one student to continue language learning with "Beginning Urdu II." The target population is non-native learners who have previous knowledge of Urdu language and wish to continue learning Urdu as a foreign language. This course aims to build on the fundamentals of Urdu language and grammar (covered in Beginning Urdu I).



## Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan

The Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP), run in conjunction with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the Lahore Institute of Management Studies (LUMS), just completed its eighth and final year. BULPIP students typically undertake a fifteen-week immersion program that not only includes formal training in grammar and literary studies, but also many opportunities to explore Lahore, meet noted intellectuals and public figures, develop friendship with ordinary Lahoris, and pursue their own research. Due to the global pandemic, in Fall 2021, the program hosted a cohort of seven students virtually. They came from a range of universities (including McGill University, Tufts University, University of Virginia, and UC Berkeley). The instructors of the Fall 2021 program were Mr. Umar Anjum and Ms. Faiza Saleem. For more information about the program and past students, please visit: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/BULPIP>

# Upcoming AIPS-Sponsored Events

## **The Community College Collaborative Workshop**

Location: [Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan](#)

Date: [December 2021](#)

Dr. Paul Edleman (Sauk Valley Community College), Prof. Farah Habib (Bristol Community College), and Dr. Robert Soza (Mesa Community College) have been awarded a grant for “The Community College Collaborative,” a professional development initiative to take place at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Lahore, Pakistan. Drs. Edleman and Soza along with Prof. Farah Habib will work with community-college level faculty in Pakistan to develop an integrated humanities and social sciences curriculum for first- and second-year students. Pakistan is piloting a program to model community colleges on Western models to offer two-year degrees and certificates. Similarly, in the US, there is an interest in humanities and social science departments to globalize curriculum and improve students’ global competency. By working together, faculty from both countries will develop curricula that address local concerns and prepare students for success in the workforce and university programs. In addition, the program will host a two-and-a-half-day in-person workshop at LUMS with the guiding theme of interdisciplinary integration of the humanities and social sciences in community college pedagogy and curriculum. Following the workshop, US participants will engage with Government Officials and University Administrators to discuss the future development of community college programs in Pakistan.

## **Research Encounters in Pakistan**

Location: [Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA](#)

Date: [Spring 2022](#)

As a minority-serving and primarily undergraduate institution, MSU Denver will host an academic discussion on Pakistan, with conversations about research opportunities, study abroad opportunities, scholarly exchange, and Pakistan’s cultural milieu with faculty and students. The conference, organized by Dr. Sanaa Riaz, will host Dr. Kathryn Besio from the University of Hawai’i at Hilo, a minority-serving institution. Dr. Besio’s talk will be followed by a discussion by Dr. Joel Gordon, Professor of History of the Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas. Due to COVID-19, this event has been postponed until the spring of 2022.

## **Before and Beyond Typography: Textual Production in Global and Multimodal Perspective**

Location: [Virtual](#)

Date: [TBD](#)

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

## **Pakistan and Partition Through Bengali Eyes: Elias’s Khoabnama**

Location: [Bangladesh](#)

Date: [August 2022](#)

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

## **Writing Pakistan: Literature, Nationhood, and Identity**

Location: [Virtual](#)

Date: [October 2021](#)

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

### Linguistic Anthropology: Mobilizing Key Concepts in the Context of Pakistan

Location: Lahore, Pakistan

Date: December 2021

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

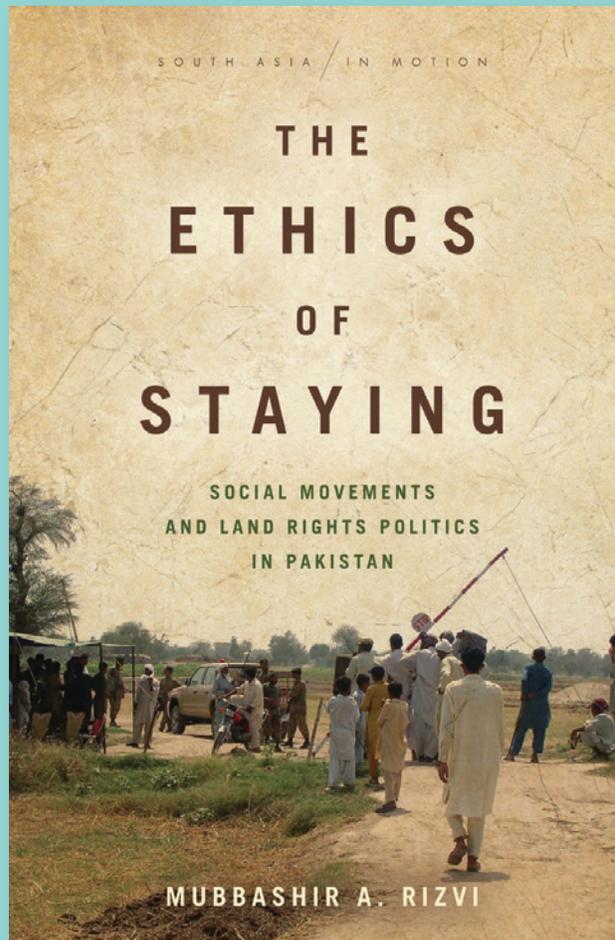
### AIPS-CAORC Faculty Development Seminar

Location: Lahore, Pakistan

Date: May 2022 (tentatively)

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

## 2021 AIPS BOOK PRIZE AWARDEE: MUBBASHIR RIZVI



The AIPS 2021 Book Prize was awarded to Dr. Mubbashir Rizvi for his book *The Ethics of Staying: Social Movements and Land Rights Politics in Pakistan* (Stanford University Press, 2019).

The AIPS Book Prize Committee found the book to have "significant potential to draw other scholars and students to Pakistan Studies as it engages with several fields, including social movement theory, subaltern studies, moral economics, and science and technology studies...Rizvi argues convincingly for the importance of his study's focus on Punjab, a province that otherwise possesses a mono-

lithic grasp on the Pakistani national imaginary. Although in many ways a standard ethnography, Rizvi gives voice to the Anjuman Muzareen Punjab stories. In doing so, it connects rural with urban and NGOs. The overall effect is to change the way of looking at the region."

Congratulations to Mubbashir for the well-deserved recognition, and thank you to all those who submitted their books for review!

# AIPS Opportunities

Please contact AIPS for more information on submitting a proposal for these opportunities.

## AIPS – Oxford University Press, Pakistan Reprint Series

AIPS and Oxford University Press (OUP), Pakistan, have announced a new collaborative reprint series. With a focus on reprinting humanities and social science monographs and edited volumes for sale in Pakistan, this series will broaden the reach of certain scholarly books. AIPS will negotiate the cost for the Pakistan publication rights for accepted texts, while OUP, Pakistan, will print and distribute the titles in the series. Book submissions will be reviewed on a biannual basis (June 1 and December 1). AIPS will review submissions along the following attributes:

- Depth and accuracy of research.
- Potential to attract new students and scholars to Pakistan Studies.
- Potential to integrate Pakistan Studies more fully into vibrant disciplinary and interdisciplinary discussions.
- Innovativeness of approach.
- Clarity and elegance of the writing.
- Lack of availability in Pakistan.

This collaborative effort hopes to broaden the market reach of high-quality books and highlight new voices and perspectives in Pakistan Studies.

## 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, Executive Committee members will discuss and vote.

## AIPS Book Prize 2022

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 prize from AIPS (\$1,000). Applicants in all disciplines are encouraged to apply, and the deadline to apply is January 10, 2022. The review committee will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- Depth and accuracy of research.
- Potential to attract new students and scholars to Pakistan Studies.
- Potential to integrate Pakistan Studies more fully into vibrant disciplinary and interdisciplinary discussions.
- Innovativeness of approach.
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*\*\* Please note that this is an academic book prize (literary fiction/short stories are not appropriate for this prize) and only English language books are eligible at this time.*

## Pakistan Lecture Series

The Pakistan Lecture Series is a program designed to support academic exchange between Pakistani and US scholars and to promote the field of Pakistan studies as a whole. As a part of this program a Pakistani scholar, artist, musician, etc, is invited to travel to the US for two to four weeks and present lectures at a minimum of three institutions. PLS speakers are nominated by AIPS members or member institutions. A three member committee solicits and screens potential PLS speakers. The final selection and approval of the PLS speaker is made by the AIPS Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, and is contingent upon available funds.

The Trustee or Member Institution proposing a PLS speaker makes initial arrangements in terms of the speaker's itinerary and the lectures that they will present. Each host institution is expected to provide local hospitality for the PLS speaker, including accommodations, meals and local transportation.

This program is funded through grants from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers and the Government of Pakistan.

## Virtual Programming Funds

AIPS has funds available for virtual research presentations and discussions. Applicants must be an individual AIPS member or from an AIPS member institution. Please see below for details on funding:

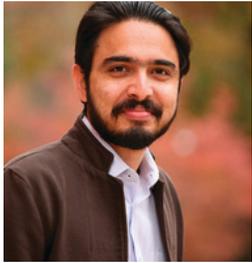
- \$500: for an AIPS member giving a stand-alone virtual talk about Pakistan at a conference or workshop.
- \$300: for an AIPS member participating as a discussant on a panel about Pakistan at a virtual conference or workshop.
- \$200 (equivalent rupees): for a non-AIPS member from Pakistan to give a standalone talk or be a discussant at a virtual conference or workshop organized by an AIPS member and about Pakistan.

AIPS members can organize or be part of virtual events that originate in Pakistan, the U.S., or third-country locations.

AIPS Board members, Officers, and Executive Committee members can apply for these funds but, due to CAORC ethics rules, are not eligible for honorariums themselves. Members (both institutional and individual) who are not a Trustee, Officer, or EC member are eligible for honorariums.

# Interview with the 2020 AIPS Book Prize Awardee, SherAli Tareen

This year, AIPS Vice President, Dr. Iqbal Singh Sevea, interviewed the 2020 AIPS Book Prize awardee, Dr. SherAli Tareen, about his book – *Defending Muhammad in Modernity*.



**How did you become interested in the topics addressed in your book?**

During graduate school at Duke and UNC while taking courses focused on reading Arabic, Persian, and Urdu texts. I realized that while the topic of “Muslim reformist thought” in modern South Asia has been the subject of excellent scholarship, there is much about the internal

logics of the discourses and debates populating this tradition that deserve finer attention and analysis, especially in conversation with the questions and concepts of Religious Studies, Anthropology, South Asian Studies, and the broader Humanities.

**What was the most challenging/rewarding part of researching for the book?**

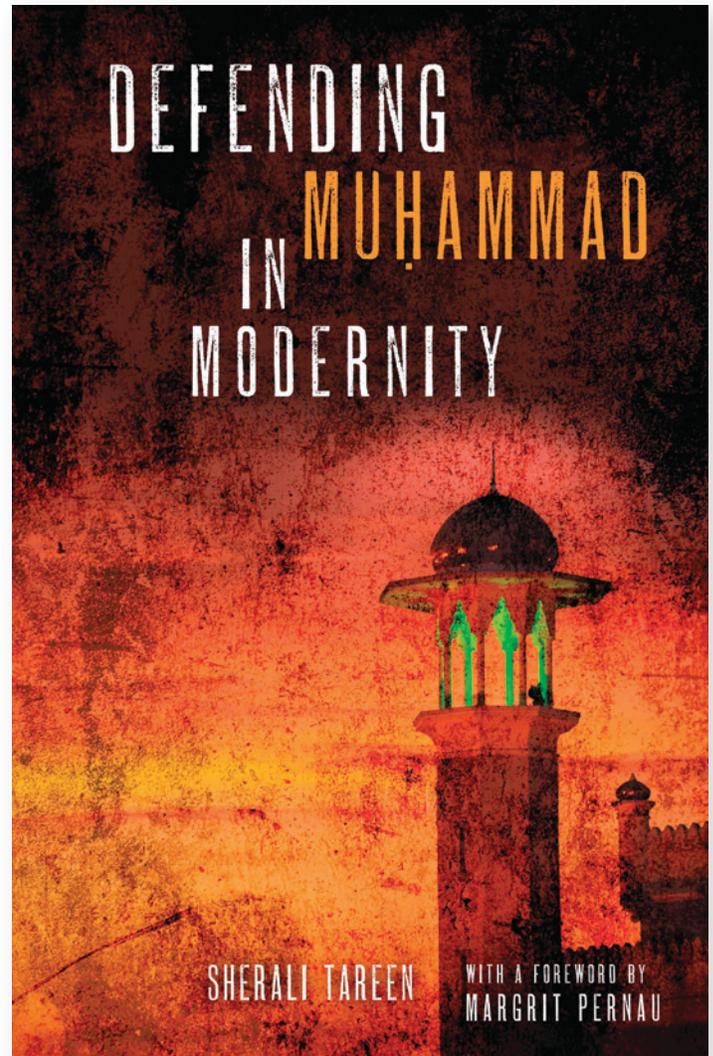
The most challenging aspect of researching and writing this book was also the most rewarding one: conducting close readings of often complex Muslim legal and theological texts in a manner that communicates the internal nuances and tensions of the South Asian Muslim intellectual tradition while also connecting and showing the significance of that tradition to theoretical discussions emanating from the fields of Religious Studies, Critical Secularism Studies, and South Asian historiography. Conducting a contrapuntal conversation between the Western and Muslim humanities that hopefully sheds productive and critical light on both is central to the aspiration and argument of the book.

**Do you have any specific advice for emerging scholars of Pakistan after writing the book?**

This is broad advice for authors of first books including but also beyond Pakistan Studies: take theoretical risks, try formulating unexpected conceptual framings and arguments, don’t overthink book readership and reception while researching and writing, chart an idealized picture of the specific points and components that you would most dearly want included in the book, and then work towards including as many of those points and components in the final product as possible in a reasonable timeframe.

**What’s your next project?**

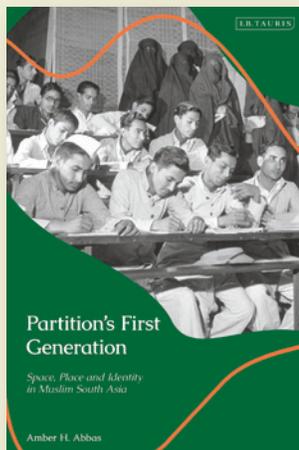
My current book is tentatively titled *The Promise and Peril of Hindu-Muslim Friendship*. It examines intra-Muslim discourses and debates on the normative status and limits of interreligious friendship, especially Hindu-Muslim friendship, from late 18th to mid 20th century South Asia. I explore this theme in varied discursive



and political arenas including Muslim scholarly translations of Hindu thought and practice, interreligious polemical festivals in colonial South Asia, debates on Hindu-Muslim friendship in the context of the Khilafat Movement, Hindu-Muslim friendship and the question of cow sacrifice, and intra-Muslim debates on imitating the customs and practices of non-Muslims. Like the first book, here again I am interested in traditions of intra-Muslim debate generated by the loss of Muslim political sovereignty in early modern and modern South Asia, though the specific thematic and set of actors are quite different. ■

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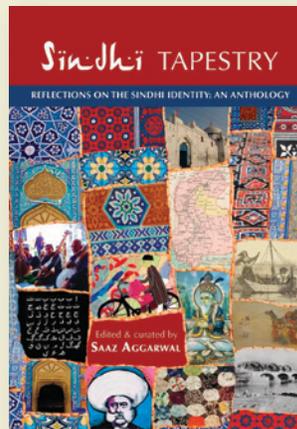
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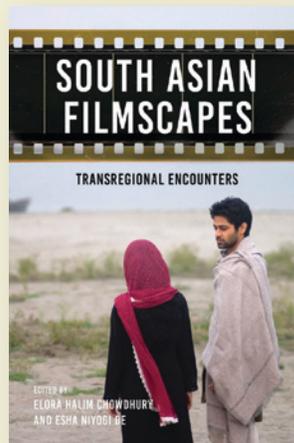
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**Esha Niyogi De**, Lecturer, University of California, Los Angeles



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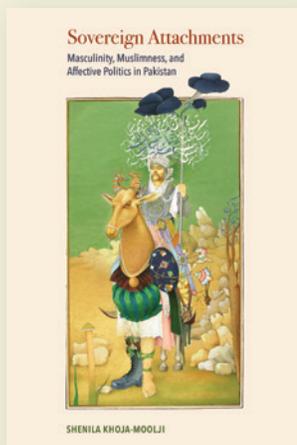
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**Claire Pamment**, Associate Professor, College of William and Mary

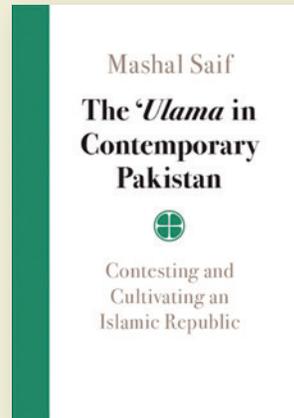
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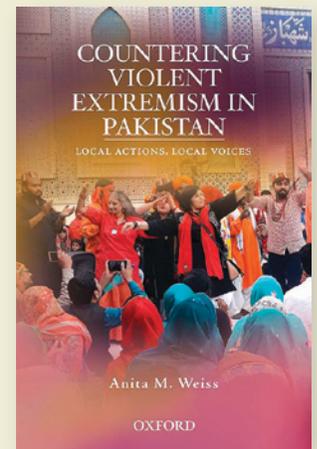
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# AIPS Member Highlights



## Kamran Asdar Ali

Professor, The University of Texas at Austin  
Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali was elected the Vice President of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS). Dr. Ali is currently an AIPS Institutional Trustee and was the AIPS President from 2011-2017. His term as AAS Vice President started in March 2021, and he will become the President of AAS in March 2022.

## Mushtaq Bilal

Fulbright Doctoral Fellow, Binghamton University  
Mushtaq Bilal was awarded the 2020-2021 Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research "in recognition of outstanding performance in graduate study and significant contribution to institutional quality" by Binghamton University. In addition, Bilal was invited to speak on a panel titled, "Mangoes or Pizza: Battling Self-Censorship to Write/Right the Self." The panel was part of the Annual Conference of the Association of Writers and Writing Program held in March 2021. Bilal also organized a roundtable titled "Writing Pakistan: Literature, Nationhood, and Identity" during the 2021 Annual Convention of the Northeast Modern Language Association in March 2021.

## Thalia Blankson

Undergraduate, State University of New York at Albany  
Thalia Blankson was awarded a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for the summer of 2021. The fellowship is awarded by the Center for South Asia for the study of Urdu.

## Waqas Butt

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Scarborough  
Dr. Waqas Butt received a short-term lecturing and research grant from AIPS in 2015 and has recently published several articles from that research. Published articles include "Waste Intimacies", "Between Work and Labor: Valuing Life in South Asia" (co-authored with AIPS member Maira Hayat), and "Technics of Labor: Productivism, Expertise, and Solid Waste Management in a Public-Private Partnership."

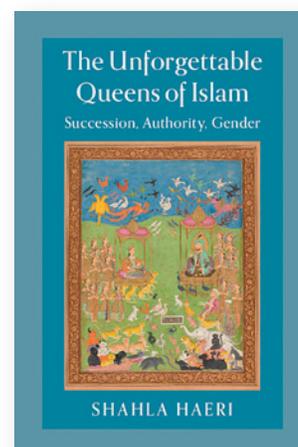
## Matthew A. Cook

Dr. Matthew A. Cook facilitated several panels and presentations this past year:

- "The Diaspora: Cambridge Sindh Studies Workshop" *Panel Chair and Discussant*. Cambridge, UK. *Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge* (March 19, 2021).
- "Sufism and Devotion: Cambridge Sindh Studies Workshop" *Panel Chair and Discussant*. Cambridge, UK. *Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge* (March 19, 2021).
- "Intercultural Religious Interactions" *Panel Chair*. Chapel Hill, NC. *Southeastern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies* (January 17, 2021).
- "The State and Contested Identity in South Asia" *Panel Chair*. Chapel Hill, NC. *Southeastern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies* (January 16, 2021).
- "Digital Humanities: My Story and What Is Your Story?" *Invited Virtual Presentation*. Lahore, Pakistan. *University of Lahore's School of Integrated Social Sciences* (July 20, 2020).

## Shahla Haeri

Associate Professor, Boston University  
Dr. Shahla Haeri's book, "The Unforgettable Queens of Islam; Succession, Authority, Gender" was reviewed by Dr. Usaama al-Azami (Oxford University) and Dr. Omar Anchassi (The University of Edinburgh) at their weekly book discussion show, Islamicate Book Reviews 11. The episode is available to view on the Islamicate YouTube channel.



## Sarah Halvorson

Professor, University of Montana  
Dr. Sarah Halvorson served as a Co-Editor with fellow geographer Dr. Daanish Mustafa of a Special Issue of the open-access journal *Water* (ISSN 2073-4441) under the theme "Critical Water Resources Research." The Special Issue of *Water* "...integrates a critical social scientific perspective on agency, power relations, method, and most importantly, the affective/emotional aspects of water with profound familiarity and expertise across sub-disciplines and regions.

## Sidra Kamran

Ph.D. Candidate, The New School  
Sidra Kamran was awarded a Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship in 2021. Kamran also received the Cheryl Allyn Miller Honorable Mention Award given by Sociologists for Women in Society for her paper "A Patchwork of Femininities: Working-Class Women's Fluctuating Gender Performances in a Pakistani Market," which is forthcoming in *Gender & Society*.

**Sanaullah Khan**

Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University  
In May of 2021, Sanaullah Khan started his doctoral dissertation research on trauma in the Pakistan Army. He has been conducting interviews with military personnel, military psychiatrists, doctors, and families and considers the lasting legacies of colonial rule on the evaluation, diagnosis, and skepticism around mental illness in contemporary Pakistan. He is specifically interested in exploring how trauma from past conflicts is experienced as tensions in kinship. The Society of Psychological Anthropology, a Sidney Mintz Fellowship, and the Johns Hopkins Provost Award for Dissertation Research have all funded his research.

**Suneel Kumar**

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia  
Suneel Kumar was awarded the Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for 2020-21 to support ethnographic fieldwork in Pakistan. The Wenner-Gren Foundation is a leading contributor to the field of anthropology and is committed to supporting scholars of all levels in broadening the scope of anthropological studies.

**John Mock**

Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Cruz

Dr. John Mock's contribution to the archeology of Wakhan and northern Pakistan is cited in the 2019 revised edition of the *Archaeological Gazetteer of Afghanistan* by Warwick Ball. First published in 1982, the *Gazetteer* has become the standard sites and monuments record for the region; archaeological sites are referred to under their *Gazetteer* catalogue. Included research articles by Dr. Mock are; "Raising the Alarm: Defensive Communication Networks and the Silk Roads through Wakhan and Chitral," "Khandut Revisited: Shrines, Monuments, Rock Art and Indigenous Traditions of Wakhan," and "Tibetans in Wakhan: New Information on Inscriptions and Rock Art."

**Claire Pamment**

Associate Professor, College of William & Mary

Dr. Claire Pamment was awarded tenure to Associate Professor, World Theatre at William & Mary. Dr. Pamment was also named William & Mary's Coco Faculty Fellow (2021-2022) in recognition of teaching and research.

**Maria-Magdalena Pruss**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.

Dr. Maria-Magdalena Pruss (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin) organized a presentation for the 2021 Association of Asian Studies Conference titled "Pan-Asian Modernity Beyond the Colonial Gaze: Education, Social Ethics, and Universal Religion." Dr. Pruss also won the DAVO (German Middle East Studies Association) Award 2020 for best dissertation in the fields of contemporary studies on the Middle East, North Africa, and other parts of the Islamic World for her 2019 dissertation "Islamic Modernism in Colonial Punjab: The Anjuman-i Himayat-i Islam, 1834-1923."

**Tariq Rahman**

Graduate Student, University of California, Irvine

Tariq Rahman received a 2020 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant to support dissertation research in Lahore, Pakistan. Rahman's dissertation is titled "Liquid Land: A Diasporic Market and the Making of Lahore."

**Shayan Rajani**

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Shayan Rajani was awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Wolf Humanities Center at the University of Pennsylvania in 2020-21. The Fellowship is a year-long appointment given to junior scholars at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Fran Smulcheski**

Adjunct Professor, State University of New York at New Paltz

Drs. Fran Smulcheski and Habbat Kibzai were awarded a travel grant from the State University of New York to conduct research in Pakistan for their collaborative project "Silent Voices Echo: Children at Work." Their project researches and photographically documents, artistically, economically, and socially the complexities of child labor in Pakistan, especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SherAli Tareen**

Associate Professor, Franklin and Marshall College

Dr. SherAli Tareen participated in an online symposium that was held on the topic of his book, "Defending Muhammad in Modernity" (2020). *Contending Modernities* hosted the symposium, which featured seven essays written by scholars of Islam and South Asia.



# AIPS 2020-21 Election Results

Congratulations to those elected to the AIPS Executive Committee and Board of Trustees in 2020-21. Thank you to all those who were willing to serve!

## Executive Committee

**Matthew A. Cook** *President from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023*

Dr. Matthew A. Cook is a Professor of Post-colonial and South Asian Studies at North Carolina Central University. His research focuses on the history and anthropology of South Asia, Sindh, and colonialism. His publications include *Annexation and the Unhappy Valley: The Historical Anthropology of Sindh's Colonization, Pakistan Edition* (Oxford University Press, 2021), *Discovering Sindh's Past: Selections from the Journal of Sindh Historical Society, 1934-1948*, with Michel Boivin and Julien Levesque (OUP, 2017), *Annexation and the Unhappy Valley: The Historical Anthropology of Sindh's Colonization* (Brill, 2016), *Willoughby's Minute: Treaty of Nownahar, Fraud and British Sindh* (Oxford University Press, 2013), *Observing Sindh: Selected Reports of Edward Patterson Del Host* (Oxford University Press, 2008), and *Interpreting the Sindhi World: Essays on Society and History* with Michel Boivin (Oxford University Press, 2010).

**Iqbal Singh Sevea** *Vice President from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023*

Dr. Iqbal Singh Sevea is an Associate Professor in the History Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his DPhil from the University of Oxford in 2007. He is interested in the socio-cultural, political, and intellectual histories of modern South Asia. His book, *The Political Philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal: Islam and Nationalism in Late Colonial India* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), uses the controversial South Asian Muslim intellectual, Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938), as a foil to a broader analysis of the engagement between Muslim intellectuals and western socio-political thought.

## Board of Trustees

Four At-Large Trustees were re-elected to the AIPS Board of Trustees in 2021. Drs. Amber Abbas, William Glover, Elizabeth Lhost, and Carla Petievich will serve on the BoT until December 2024.

**Amber Abbas** *At-Large BoT Member from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024*

Dr. Amber Abbas is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at St. Joseph's University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Abbas' research focuses on the period of transition associated with the 1947 Independence and Partition of India and its particular impact on South Asian Muslims. This research considers questions of state, nation, and identity building as well as methodological questions about the role of oral history as a source for understanding the past. Dr. Abbas' research confronts questions of meaning and its impact on people's lives. Lately, these interests have encouraged her to expand her work to explore the South Asian Diaspora in the United States. In this work, she works closely with The South Asian American Digital Archive. In addition to dozens of oral interviews with men and women in South Asia, Dr. Abbas has consulted archives in England, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh.

**William Glover** *At-Large BoT Member from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024*

Dr. William Glover is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Michigan, and he received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1999. Dr. Glover's research interests include South Asian colonial and postcolonial urban and cultural history, social theory, and the material culture of built environments. He is the author of *Making Lahore Modern: Constructing and Imagining a Colonial City* (University of Minnesota Press, 2008; winner of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies Junior Book Award), and

of several articles exploring the imbrication of built environments, knowledge cultures, and urban processes in colonial South Asia. Glover's current research is directed toward understanding the aesthetics of modernization in mid-twentieth-century South Asia.

**Elizabeth Lhost** *At-Large BoT Member from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024*

Dr. Elizabeth Lhost is a historian of modern South Asia and a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Dartmouth Society of Fellows. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Her current book project, *The Office of Islamic Law: Paperwork, Politics, and Possibilities in Modern South Asia (1800-1950)*, traces the history of Islamic legal practice in British India by focusing on everyday aspects of paperwork and documentation. Drawing upon an archive of Urdu and Persian documents, notebooks, registers, and files, Dr. Lhost examines the material history of law to understand how ordinary individuals grappled with colonial legal change and navigated the uneven and constantly evolving legal landscape of British India in the course of settling their disputes and resolving legal conundrums.

**Carla Petievich** *At-Large BoT Member from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024*

Dr. Carla Petievich is Professor Emerita of Montclair State University and a Visiting Professor at the South Asia Institute of the University of Texas at Austin. Her research and publication interests have been in Indo-Muslim cultural history, the history of Urdu literature, gender in the Urdu ghazal, South Asian Literatures in Translation, and Cultural Expression in the South Asia Diaspora. In 2007, she co-founded the Hoshyar Foundation, which is dedicated to increasing access for girls to post-secondary education in remote parts of Pakistan. She is the Executive Director of Hoshyar.

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