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# Letter from the Director

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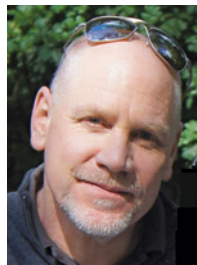
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## Dear Friends and Colleagues:



This fall kicks off an exciting new year of programming at the center, with a range of talks, performances, film screenings, and fellowship opportunities suited to the wide variety of interests held by our community. Before previewing some of these events, however, let me mark a couple of transitions. The first concerns the director's position itself, which I take over from professor Farina Mir, who ably guided the center for the last several years and leaves it stronger, more diverse, and more impactful than ever before. Farina will be on sabbatical leave this year but I know from experience she will remain keenly devoted to the center's well-being. Our much-loved program coordinator, Janelle Fosler is also stepping down to take a position at the Ecumenical Center and International Residence in Ann Arbor. Janelle's contributions were multiple and significant, and though she hasn't gone far we will certainly miss her presence in the office. Finally, I want to offer gratitude and best wishes to professor Carla Sinopoli, who is leaving U-M to join the anthropology department at the University of New Mexico, where she will also direct the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology. Carla was a forceful and positive presence in the South Asia community here for many years, and served in almost every capacity imaginable at the center, including as director. Carla wears her formidable brilliance with-

out pretension; like many others, I have benefited more than once from her wise counsel. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

As often happens, departures are accompanied by new arrivals, including several new faculty members with research and teaching interests in South Asia who will be joining U-M this fall. We have profiled a few of our new colleagues in the pages that follow (p.12-13), and I encourage you to reach out and make them feel welcome.

This year we will also inaugurate two new endowed lectures, which will recur annually in perpetuity. The first will be the *Thomas Trautmann Honorary Lecture on Pre Modern India* (p.4), delivered by Ashoka University historian, Upinder Singh on October 19th. The endowment for this lecture was initiated through the generosity of long-time CSAS supporters, Martha and Inderpal Bhatia, with further contributions from a large number of professor Trautmann's friends, colleagues, and former students.

The second newly-endowed lecture will be the *Kavita Datla Memorial Lecture on South Asian History* (p.3), an annual lecture made possible by the loving generosity of the Datla family and friends. The inaugural lecture will be given by Columbia University historian, Sudipta Kaviraj on November 9th. You can learn more about both of these new endowments in the pages that follow.

Other annual events to put on your calendar include the *Summer in South Asia Symposium* (Oct. 5), where ten undergraduate fellows will present results of their summer research (p.18) (check out this

year's fellows' blog: [sisa.ii.lsa.umich.edu](http://sisa.ii.lsa.umich.edu)); the annual *South Asia Graduate Student Conference* on February 15th, with historian Indrani Chatterjee as the keynote speaker; and our annual *U-M Pakistan Conference* on March 29th, the theme of which is being developed. There are many rich topics to be explored this year in our regular Friday lecture series, and many extraordinary scholars, activists, and performers coming to explore them with us. A full calendar of events appears on the back page of this newsletter; as always, all of our events are free and open to the public.

Finally, I am pleased to announce a \$100,000 gift from Ranvir and Adarsh Trehan, to support the CSAS mission (p.5). Ranvir and Adarsh have long been supporters of the center, and their generosity has enabled the CSAS to advance its goals of teaching about India and South Asia while supporting innovative scholarship on the region. Their gift will especially support the center in establishing and maintaining institutional relationships in India. We are grateful for the Trehans' continuing engagement with our community.

At the start of a new academic year, let me just convey how much I and all of the staff members at CSAS consider it our privilege to join with you in helping build knowledge about, and sharing the richness of, South Asian societies and cultures as an integral part of our lives here at U-M. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

### Will Glover

*Director, Center for South Asian Studies; Associate Professor, Department of History*

# U-M Bicentennial Celebration in India

The University of Michigan celebrated its bicentennial with alumni in Mumbai, India on November 18, 2017. A U-M delegation that included three deans—Scott DeRue (Ross School of Business), Alec Gallimore (College of Engineering), and Andrew Martin (College of Literature, Science, and the Arts)—and James Holloway, Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Interdisciplinary Academic Affairs, joined the U-M India Alumni Association (UMIAA) for a day-long event. The delegation also included Farina Mir, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Center for South Asian Studies from 2012-2018, and M.S. Krishnan, Associate Dean for Executive Programs at the Ross School of Business. The event was organized by the UMIAA and was a great success, bringing together more than 200 alumni from across India.



Left to right: Farina Mir, Vishal Mehta, Ananth Narayanan, Eddie Chandok, Andrew Martin

## CSAS Inaugurates Kavita S. Datla Memorial Lecture



Through the generosity of the Datla family and friends, CSAS will inaugurate the Kavita S. Datla Memorial Lecture in South Asian History this fall. The lecture recognizes Kavita Saraswati Datla's contributions to this field.

Kavita S. Datla graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in History in 1997. She received an MA in South Asian history from the Centre for Historical Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (1999), and a PhD in South Asian History from the University of California, Berkeley (2006). Upon completion of her PhD, she joined Mount Holyoke College as an Assistant Professor of History, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2013, and Professor in 2017 (posthumously). She is the author of *The Language of Secular Islam: Urdu Nationalism and Colonial India* (University of Hawaii, 2013), a critically acclaimed history of Urdu and nationalist politics in early-twentieth century India, as well as articles in leading journals, such as *Modern Asian Studies* and *Law and History Review*.

Professor Datla passed away in 2017, after a three-year battle with cancer. A generous gift by her family has endowed this annual lecture, to honor her memory at the institution where she first developed her love for South Asian history, and to which they have strong ties. Her brothers Vishnu Datla and Bobby Datla are both also University of Michigan graduates.

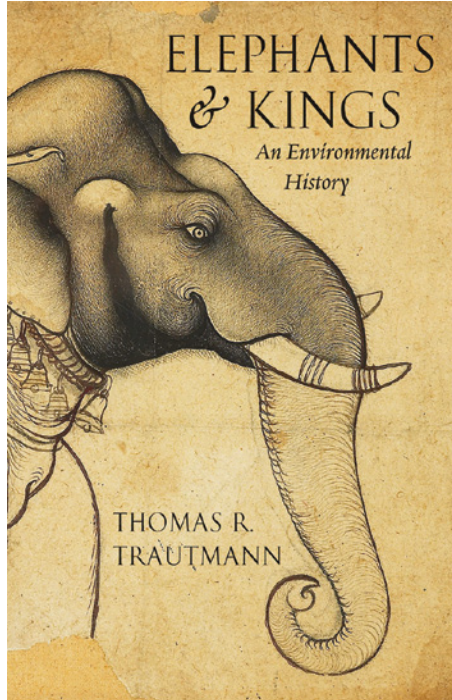
The inaugural lecture on November 9, 2018 will be given by Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Indian Politics and Intellectual History in the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies at Columbia University.



# Trautmann Honorary Lecture Established



Martha Bhatia, Tom Trautmann, and Inderpal Bhatia



Tom Trautmann

**CSAS is pleased to announce** that this fall it will inaugurate the Thomas Trautmann Honorary Lecture on Premodern India, to recognize Professor Trautmann's many contributions to U-M and the fields of South Asian history and anthropology. Trautmann retired from the history department in 2011 after a distinguished 43-year career at the University of Michigan. CSAS feels fortunate that Tom continues to be an active member of our community as Professor Emeritus of History and of Anthropology, and his contributions continue to be deeply valued.

Trautmann's contributions to the field of South Asian studies are as profound as they are wide-ranging, from early work that revised understanding of the authorship of the *Arthashastra* (Kautilya and the *Arthashastra*, 1971) to subsequent scholarship that laid the foundation for the study of Dravidian kinship (*Dravidian Kinship*, 1981), and kinship in South Asia more generally (*Kinship and His-*

*tory in South Asia*, 1974; Lewis Henry Morgan and *the Invention of Kinship*, 1987). His work on British Orientalism (*Aryans and British India*, 1997) makes signal contributions to the role of India's premodern

past in the colonial construction of knowledge about India. Trautmann's scholarship on language, linguistics, and history has similarly been deeply influential (*Languages and Nations: The Dravidian Proof in Colonial Madras*, 2006), while his more recent major publications (such as *The Aryan Debate*, 2005; and *India: Brief History of a Civilization*, 2011) are shaping the way today's students and scholars understand India's ancient past. His latest book—*Elephants and Kings: An Environmental History*—published in 2015, is another significant contribution that helps us fundamentally rethink facets of Indian history.

In addition to his prolific scholarly production, Trautmann played a critical role in training generations of students and in building lasting institutions at U-M. In his various roles—as teacher, supervisor,

mentor, colleague, Director of the Center for South Asian Studies, Chair of the Department of History, and Director of the Institute for the Humanities—Trautmann has helped build lasting institutions at U-M, and positively impacted the lives of many.

The endowment that supports this annual lecture has been made possible by the generosity of both individuals and institutions. CSAS would like to recognize, in particular, Martha and Inderpal Bhatia, who have been stalwart supporters of CSAS's work on campus. Their lead gift provided momentum for which we are grateful. A major gift from the University of Michigan India Alumni Association (UMIAA) allowed CSAS to meet its endowment goal and inaugurate the lecture in Fall 2018. CSAS is grateful to our engaged U-M alumni in India, who value the teaching of India at U-M. We would also like to recognize gifts from Ranvir and Adarsh Trehan, and over 50 others—among them Trautmann's friends, colleagues, and former students—who have together helped build this lasting legacy at CSAS.

The inaugural lecture will be delivered by Dr. Upinder Singh of Delhi University on October 19, 2018.



# Ranvir and Adarsh Trehan Gift

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the region. This gift will enable the center to deepen its work in various sectors, and particularly in establishing and maintaining institutional relationships in India. U-M is now more connected than ever with India, and we look forward to continuing engagements that synergistically enhance our work while advancing the goals of Indian institutions of higher learning—both public and private.



Adarsh and Ranvir Trehan

## Library News

# Digital South Asia Archive

Jeffrey Martin

**The Library has added a new electronic database** to its growing collection of South Asian digital resources. The South Asia Archive is a specialized digital platform providing global electronic access to culturally and historically significant literary material produced from within—and about—the South Asian region. It is not merely a repository, but a vehicle for targeted research where documents have been selected and catalogued by subject specialist editors, with expert commentaries provided to guide users through serial content.

The South Asia Archive contains millions of pages of digitized primary and secondary material in a mix of English and vernacular languages dating back to the start of the eighteenth century, up to the mid-twentieth century. Derived from original archive materials held by the The South Asia Research Foundation, it provides online access to previously unavailable resources in South Asian studies, and is a versatile resource with benefits for researchers, lecturers, and students across a diverse range of subject areas. The database is accessible through the Mirlyn catalog on the library's home page. If you would like further information or instruction on using the database, please feel free to contact me at [jeffmart@umich.edu](mailto:jeffmart@umich.edu).

# Music, Dance, and Yoga in Mysore, India

Stephen Rush

**The Summer Program in India** – Music, Dance and Yoga, an opportunity for U-M students and alumni, has been in place for a decade. Over 130 students have traveled to Mysore, India with Professor Stephen Rush to study music and dance, one-on-one, in the homes of professional music and dance gurus who were selected by Rush especially for this program. Students perform a final concert in India at the end of the program, and then reprise their performance on campus upon their return. While in India, each student participates in fifteen lessons in their discipline, reads the Gita and the Ramayana, and attends a wide range of lectures on topics including caste, gender, film, and the history of yoga, among others. Rush also leads the students to four concerts or more per week—all of the highest caliber, featuring local artists from Mysore.





# Seeking Social Justice in South Asia



Left to Right - P. Sainath, Flavia Agnes, A.R. Vasavi, Farina Mir, Sara Hossain, Zainab Malik, Khalid Anis Ansari, Alan Keenan, Bezwada Wilson

## CSAS hosted an international conference

entitled, “Seeking Social Justice in South Asia”, on September 22-23, 2017. The aim of the conference was to focus attention on stark and persistent political, economic, and social inequalities and the ongoing struggles to address them in contemporary South Asia. The conference brought together a group of internationally-renowned activists, lawyers, and academics to consider a range of interconnected struggles for social justice, including religious and ethnic polarization, gender and sexuality, caste politics, minority rights, urbanization and displacement, and media and information access. Presentations addressed these issues in the Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan contexts.

Of the conference’s eight speakers, two—Bezwada Wilson and P. Sainath—are recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, one of Asia’s highest honors, awarded for integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society. Wilson, an Indian human rights activist, is one of the founders and National Convenor of the Safai Karmachari Andolan, which campaigns for the eradication of manual scavenging. Wilson spoke about the conditions that allow manual scavenging to remain widespread although it has been illegal in India since 1993. Sainath, former Rural Affairs Editor of *The Hindu* and Founder Editor of the *People’s Archive of Rural India*, spoke

about income inequality in India and its devastating effects in both urban and rural contexts.

Three lawyers spoke at the conference about issues in which they are directly engaged. Sara Hossain, a barrister practicing in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and Honorary Director of the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Service Trust, spoke about shifts in the political climate in Bangladesh that are challenging its constitutional commitment to secularism. Zainab Malik, a lawyer that heads advocacy at Justice Project Pakistan (JPP), raised awareness about the high incidence of death penalty judgments in Pakistan. And Flavia Agnes, one of India’s leading women’s rights lawyers, whose work has focused on the issues of gender and law reforms, presented an analysis of the broader politics and impact of the “triple talaq” legal case that came before India’s Supreme Court in 2017.

The analysis of activists and lawyers was coupled with that of academics. Khalid Anis Ansari, Director of the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Exclusion Studies and Transformative Action, and Senior Assistant Professor at Glocal

University, Saharanpur (UP), spoke on caste and class dynamics within India’s Muslim community. Alan Keenan, Sri Lanka Senior Analyst at the International Crisis Group (ICG) in London, analyzed the post-civil war landscape in Sri Lanka. And A.R. Vasavi, a social anthropologist based in Karnataka and winner of the Infosys Prize 2013 in Social Science, provided analysis of the conditions that impoverish and marginalize India’s Dalit communities.

While each presentation focused on its national context, the broader goal of the conference was to think about social justice in regional and international contexts as well. Discussion considered how struggles for social justice are interconnected, probing common structural causes that produce the varied forms of oppression and social inequality that impact South Asian societies. Participants were encouraged to think about these structural causes in national, regional, and global terms. The conference also considered what role, if any, international advocacy can play in effecting social justice in South Asia. The conference took up these issues

in robust question and answer sessions after each presentation with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and community members in attendance.

This conference was made possible by generous support from Ranvir and Adarsh Trehan and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, with additional support from: Department of History, Department of Anthropology, Global Media Studies Initiative, Institute for Research on

Women and Gender, Program in International and Comparative Studies, Donia Human Rights Center, Islamic Studies Program, and the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. This conference was funded in part by a Title VI federal grant from the US Department of Education. It was organized by Farina Mir (Associate Professor, Department of History).





# MICHIGAN INDIA CONFERENCE '18

## Blurring Lines

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# Michigan India Conference

by Elliott Schwab

The 9th Annual Michigan India Conference (MIC) was a student-organized conference focused on India as a growing power in the world and was sponsored by CSAS. MIC is one of the largest India-focused conferences in the country, aiming to feature Indian leaders making an impact in India and across the world in all industries, including business, healthcare, politics, and social impact. The conference's objective is to bring together the community here at U-M, in the hopes of centralizing campus-wide efforts in India. Past panels at MIC have included sustainability, investment in India, education, and ethical business. MIC has expanded to feature faculty from all schools on campus and has become a more well-rounded, wide-reaching conference in the process.

MIC was originally conceived in 2009, following C.K. Prahalad's passing, with the goal of continuing his passion for India's development and growth. As part of MIC, the C.K. Prahalad Case Competition enables students to further Prahalad's vision of leveraging innovation to generate profit and create

value at the base of the pyramid. On average, 100 teams compete worldwide during preliminary rounds from schools including Kellogg, Harvard School of Business, Tufts, and the Indian School of Business. In 2018, 119 teams registered for the competition from schools in five countries. The top five teams competed in the final round. The 2018 competition used a case developed by the student organizing committee, focused around the issue of building a sustainable business model to reduce mass urbanization by building infrastructure in rural areas. The winning team from the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, India won the grand prize of \$4,000. Team Cattle Shattle from the Indian School of Business took 2nd place with an innovative idea to manage livestock in rural areas to allow for more people to raise livestock on credit.



Healthcare panel moderated by Krishnan Radhavendram (U-M) (right)



Team "Cattle Shattle," 2nd place, 2018 C.K. Prahalad Case Competition





**CSAS hosted U-M's second annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference** on South Asia on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The idea to hold an annual conference highlighting the work of our own graduate students originated with history professor Mrinalini Sinha, who organized the first annual conference in 2017. This year, nine graduate students from seven different departments presented their research in progress over the course of the day, and historian Ajay Skaria from the University of Minnesota closed the day out with a keynote lecture based on his recent book, *Unconditional Equality: Gandhi's Religion of Resistance* (University of Minnesota Press, 2016).

The day began with papers by Brittany Puller (Asian Languages and Cultures), Rachel Hirsch (South Asian Studies), and Matt Schissler (Anthropology). Puller presented her research on the role played by Sikh Masands in the politics of seventeenth-century Punjab; Hirsch explored Mughal imperial architecture on the margins of the empire, in the Deccan; and Schissler brought together past and present histories of the Rohingya in Myanmar. Sriram Mohan (Communication Studies) concluded the morning session with a paper on "technological citizenship" in India, exploring the techno-politics of mobile bill payments.

The afternoon sessions included papers by Connor Singh BanderBeek (Ethnomusicology) on bhangra's ability to illuminate Punjab's contested temporalities (and geographies); Swarnim Khare (Asian Languages and Cultures) on Dalit women's writing in Hindi; Janaki Phillips (Anthropology) on haunted houses in contemporary Shimla; Amit Ittyerah (Architecture) on the ersatz commodity landscapes that border India's National Highway 1; and Salman Hussain (Anthro-History) on the intersection of masculinity, provinciality, and (Persian) Gulf migration narratives in small town Pakistan Punjab.

Given the broad interdisciplinary range of interests among our students, providing a single theme to encompass the work was impossible. Nevertheless, many in the audience found satisfying commonalities among all of the presentations: creativity and dedication on behalf of the scholars, and the excitement of new knowledge being created across a broad spectrum of South Asia!



# UM-Shiv Nadar Workshop on South Asian Studies

**The U-M-Shiv Nadar Workshop on South Asian Studies**, held at Shiv Nadar University (Noida, UP), on February 26, 2018, stemmed from a larger CSAS initiative to expand institutional relationships in India. CSAS has sought to expand engagement with higher education institutions in India since 2014, when then U-M President Mary Sue Coleman visited India. CSAS has been supported in its efforts to establish these new relationships, particularly those that focus on the humanities and social sciences, by a grant from the Office of the Vice-Provost for Global Engagement and Interdisciplinary Affairs. The U-M-Shiv Nadar Workshop provided humanities, social science, and professional school faculty at U-M the opportunity to share research with faculty in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Shiv Nadar, and to consider areas of joint research interest.



The workshop was jointly organized by Farina Mir of U-M and Ajay Dandekar of Shiv Nadar (SN), and brought together twelve faculty with complementary intellectual interests to exchange research and consider areas of future collaboration. Convergent themes in scholarship led to five panels, on: (1) Archaeology and Heritage; (2) Rural/Urban Interconnections; (3) Law and Governance; (4) Iniquitous Development; and (5) Sustainability. Participants from U-M included: Arun Agrawal (School of Environment and Sustainability), Leela Fernandes (Women's Studies), Vikramaditya Khanna (Law School), Farina Mir (History), and Carla Sinopoli (Anthropology). Participants from SN included: Sudepto Bhattacharya (Mathematics), Urmila Bhirdikar (Sociology), Devika Bordia (Sociology), Ajay Dandekar (Dean of School of Humanities and Social Sciences), Sudeshna Guha (History), Jaya Menon (History), and Rajeswari Raina (International Relations and Governance Studies).

This workshop was the first in what we hope will be a series of exchanges between U-M and Shiv Nadar. To that end, our institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding this spring that will facilitate student exchanges. We hope to see the first such exchanges taking place in 2019.



# UM Pakistan Conference

Brittany Puller



**Back row (l to r): Sanaa Alimia, Matthew Hull, Pnina Werbner, Salman Hussain, Ali Nobil Ahmad**  
**Front row (l to r): Brittany Puller, Attiya Ahmad, Samia Khatun, Ammara Maqsood**

## The 8th annual U-M Pakistan Conference

entitled, “Movement, Migration, and Borders,” was held on April 6, 2018. Organized by the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS), the U-M Pakistan Conference aims to highlight new research in Pakistan while fostering conversations between academics, journalists, activists, and artists. This year’s conference sought to emphasize the contemporary realities of migration and movement that shape the identity of Pakistanis both abroad and in Pakistan.

After brief opening remarks by Matthew Hull (Anthropology) and Brittany Puller (Asian Languages and Cultures), Hull chaired a panel entitled

“Borders and Bodies,” which included papers from Sanaa Alimia (Zentrum Moderer Orient, Berlin) and Ali Nobil Ahmad (Zentrum Moderer Orient, Berlin). In Alimia’s paper, “Performing the Afghanistan-Pakistan Border through Afghan Refugee ID Cards,” Alimia examined the “performance” of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border through the use of

documents such as ID cards, state control over the mobility of Afghans, and through routine practices of social exclusion. Ahmad’s paper, “Provincializing Europe’s Migration Crisis: Human Smuggling from

Pakistani Punjab,” analyzed the altering structures, networks, and relationship between migrants and smugglers in the 21st century that have challenged dominant theories on the rationale of migration.

Farina Mir (History) chaired the following panel entitled, “Diasporas and Home.”

Samia Khatun (University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh) presented her paper, “Intimate Encounters Along Australian

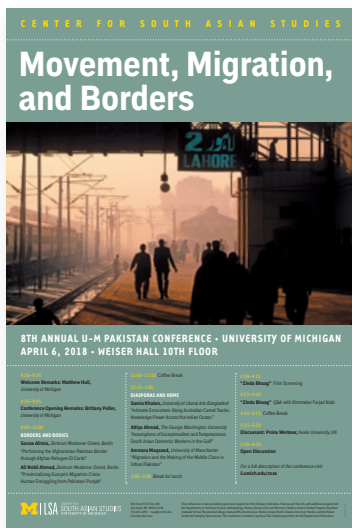
Camel Tracks: Knowledge-Power Across the Indian Ocean,” which discussed the debates surrounding knowledge-power in aboriginal history and South Asian historiography while locating historical methods of migrant storytelling outside of colonial frameworks. The panel continued with Attiya Ahmad’s (George Washington University) paper, “Assumptions of Exception-

alism and Temporariness: South Asian Domestic Workers in the Gulf.” Ahmad demonstrated how Kuwaiti state policies, procedures, and structures control and implicate South Asian migrant domestic workers as a “temporary population.” In Ammara Maqsood’s (University of Manchester) paper, “Migration and the Making of the Middle-Class in Urban Pakistan,” Maqsood addressed the ways in which transaction, belonging, and religiosity influence both Pakistan and the diaspora, in turn molding a new middle-class identity in Pakistan.

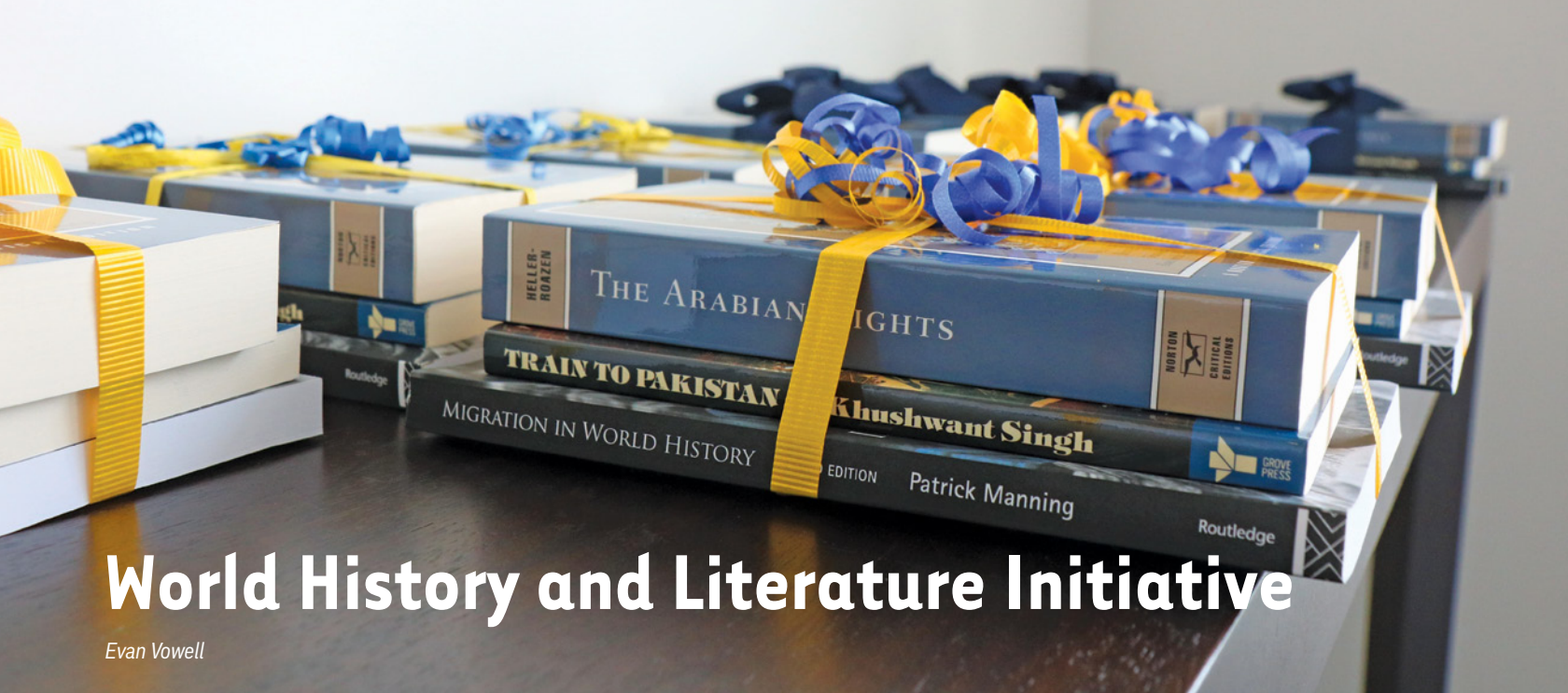
The final panel included a screening of the award-winning film, *Zinda Bhaag (Run for your Life)*. The film was followed by a Q&A panel with the film’s co-director and filmmaker, Farjad Nabi. *Zinda Bhaag* depicted the desire and desperation experienced by three friends attempting to illegally immigrate from Lahore to the West. The Q&A panel with Nabi incorporated themes of masculinity, opportunity, and the plight of “dunky” immigration practices in its discussion.

This year’s conference presented work on the ever-growing mobility of Pakistanis, which has ultimately shaped the relationship between Pakistan, Pakistanis, and the world. The presentations highlighted the complex networks of transaction and belonging that craft new notions of identity for Pakistanis, encompassing such titles as immigrant, citizen, “temporary worker,” and refugee. Pnina Werbner (Keele University) concluded this year’s conference by engaging panelists and audience members in a discussion regarding the intersectional themes of “Movement, Migration, and Borders” that posit the study of Pakistan as a global history and a mobile reality.

*The conference was made possible by the generous support of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, as well as the U-M College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the Institute for the Humanities, the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Rackham Graduate School, and the Departments of: American Culture, Anthropology, History, History of Art, Screen Arts and Cultures, Women’s Studies, the Islamic Studies Program, Residential College, Arab and Muslim American Studies, and Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies. This conference was also funded in part by a Title VI federal grant from the US Department of Education.*







# World History and Literature Initiative

Evan Vowell

## The World History and Literature Initiative

(WHaLI) is a unique collaboration between area studies centers in the International Institute and the U-M School of Education, funded in part by Title VI grants from the US Department of Education, with additional funding from the International Institute and the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies.

Since 2009, WHaLI has provided over 500 K-12 teachers in the fields of history, social studies, and English language arts with area studies curriculum content and professional development.

Held each year in June, WHaLI is a three-day workshop designed to improve teachers' capacity to teach world history and literature by providing them with area studies resources and content. New initiatives to broaden the reach of WHaLI include opportunities for early career or beginning teachers to work with experienced teachers and scholars, and the use of livestream webcasting technology and on-site facilitators to reach teachers outside the Ann Arbor area.

More than 30 participants took part in the 2018 workshops, which brought together teachers with varying levels of experience to network with each other and share best practices. Each of the presentations are coupled with materials designed to assist teachers in producing lesson plans on migration. Books were also provided for each of the participants to share with their classrooms.



Farina Mir

Migration has been a constant in human history, shaping our world in every place and time. From our earliest ancestors' movements out of Africa to the present, people have migrated across continents, oceans, seas, mountains and deserts. Pushed, pulled, or coerced, humans have moved in large and small numbers, with or without families and friends, to or from rural or urban areas. And each migration has had significant consequences on the people and places they moved to or from.

The 2018 World History and Literature Initiative addressed the themes of migration in human history and literature by exploring case studies encompassing various parts of the globe, as well as pedagogical lessons from faculty director Bob Bain (associate professor of educational studies and history) on how to incorporate these themes into teachers' lesson plans.

*This initiative was made possible by US Department of Education Title VI funds.*

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# UM-University of Puerto Rico

**As part of the effort to create sustainable links** with institutions serving underrepresented populations, CSAS and several other National Resource Centers at the International Institute have built a partnership with the Colleges of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico. There are no Title VI National Resource Centers on the island of Puerto Rico; there are also no Hispanic serving institutions in the State of Michigan. Thanks to deep existing ties between our institutions, we are able to extend access to area studies and language resources at U-M to faculty and students at UPR, to in-service teachers in the region around UPR, and to their K-12 students. Each year, the International Institute sends mixed delegations of area studies experts to UPR for a K-16 professional and curriculum development symposium and workshop organized around topics that cross multiple disciplines and allow representation from different world regions.

The annual symposium aims to create a space in which graduate students from both universities can share innovative ways of studying concepts, as well as intersections with other categories and topics. Among them, but not excluding others, are intersections of civil and human rights, political traditions, migration, identity politics, religion, political participation, public education, memory, gender, race, sexuality, neoliberalism, nationalism, and cultural policies.



At the 2018 U-M-UPR Symposium entitled, “Political Tensions and Identity in a Globalized World,” graduate students from U-M and UPR, working from many disciplines, methodologies, and historical contexts, presented on topics concerning political tensions, questions of identity, and globalization. Two CSAS students, Swarnim Khare and Salman Hussein were among the presenters. Khare spoke about “Teaching the Caste System in India - Strategies and Responsibilities,” and Hussein gave a presentation on “Identity Formation in a Globalized Pakistan.”



# Three CSAS Faculty Associates Receive Prestigious Awards

Arun Agrawal (SEAS) became an elected fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, Ruma Banerjee (Biological Chemistry) received the ASBMB Merck award, and Bhramar Mukherjee (Public Health) was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



**Arun Agrawal** has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest distinctions for a scientist or engineer in the United States. Agrawal, the Samuel Trask Dana Professor and professor of environment and sustainability at the School for Environment and Sustainability, was among 84 new

members and 21 foreign associates elected in recognition of distinguished and continuing achievements in original research, the NAS announced. Agrawal's research and teaching emphasize the politics of international development, institutional change, and environmental sustainability. He has written critically on indigenous knowledge, community-based conservation, common property, resource governance, and environmental beliefs and identities.



**Ruma Banerjee**, a professor of biological chemistry at the University of Michigan Medical School, won the 2019 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)–Merck Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to research in biochemistry and molecular biology. Banerjee

is an associate editor for the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, which the ASBMB publishes. She has served on the ASBMB governing council as well.



**Bhramar Mukherjee**, the John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, a professor of epidemiology and of global public health at the School of Public Health, and the associate director for cancer control and population sciences at the Comprehensive Cancer Center was named a fellow of the American Association for

the Advancement of Science. Fellows were chosen by their peers for their “efforts toward advancing science applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished”, according to AAAS. Mukherjee was recognized for exemplary contributions to Bayesian methodology for the analysis of gene-environment interactions and data generated under case-control and outcome dependent sampling mechanisms.

## New Faculty Q & A



### David Brick, Asian Languages and Cultures

**CSAS:** Tell us about your research interests and what brought you to the University of Michigan?

**Professor Brick:** I'm broadly interested in Sanskrit literature and early South Asia, but my research generally focuses on Dharmaśāstra or classical Hindu law. What inspires my

research is a deep desire to better understand various aspects of early Indian social history and, to this end, the vast literary output of the Dharmaśāstra tradition is an unparalleled resource. My first book was on gifting, but I've published on a number of other topics as well, such as the sociolinguistics of Sanskrit and the practice of judicial ordeals. My next book will be a complete scholarly translation of the *Anuśāsana Parvan*, the thirteenth book of the *Mahābhārata*. And I also have a strong research interest in widows in ancient and medieval India and have published a few articles on this topic in the past.

What brings me to the University of Michigan is the attraction of a tenure-track position in Sanskrit literature. I spent the last nine years happily teaching Sanskrit in a non-ladder position at Yale, but I'm delighted to be making the move to a more permanent position here. I'm also especially excited at the prospect of teaching at a large and elite public university, like those where I received my education.

**CSAS:** Have you discovered any good secrets about Ann Arbor yet?

**Professor Brick:** My sons really love the little fairy doors that are hidden around town, so naturally I'm a fan of those as well. Are they a secret? The many parks in town have all seriously impressed me, but I'm guessing they're not a secret at all, judging by the number of people who use them. The food has been great too. A place called Westside Barbecue stands out and I got the impression that it's maybe not so well known, but perhaps I just came at an off-time.

**CSAS:** What will you be teaching this year and what would you like to accomplish in your spare time?

**Professor Brick:** This year I'll be teaching First-Year Sanskrit both semesters and an undergraduate seminar on Hindu mythology in the fall. I'll also be teaching another course in the winter, but its subject matter has not yet been determined.

In my spare time, I'd like to help my family—my wife and two sons—get settled into Ann Arbor. This is naturally my biggest priority. After that, I hope to submit a couple of articles to journals for publication. One in particular, which deals with an intricate legal debate on cross-cousin marriage and its impact on social practice in medieval South India, is near completion. I'd also like to make very significant progress on my translation of the *Anuśāsana Parvan*.



## Inderjit Kaur, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

**CSAS:** Tell us about your research interests and what brought you to the University of Michigan?

**Professor Kaur:** My research interests lie in the study of South Asian musical cultures through the lenses of affect, senses, and phenomenology. I am interested in classical,

popular, as well as devotional musical traditions. Some questions that intrigue me are: what role do affective musical experiences play in the construction of meaning, values, and knowledge; how do multiple sensory modalities come together in enhancing sonic experiences and their effects; and, what is the role of musical sound in shaping transnational subjectivities, identities and lifeworlds, especially with respect to social difference?

I am excited to be joining a premier and dynamic public institution with a wonderful community of scholars, educators, students, and staff. For an ethnomusicologist engaged in interdisciplinary research in particular, U-M offers rich resources, within the vibrant School of Music, Theatre and Dance, and across its various schools, institutes, and centers such as CSAS.

**CSAS:** Have you discovered any good secrets about Ann Arbor yet?

**Professor Kaur:** Yes! I was delighted to learn that Ann Arbor is studded with protected nature areas and parks. I look forward to exploring them! I am also excited to know about the Water Hill Music Fest – a free annual event on the first Sunday of May, in which musicians play on their porches and front lawns. I can't wait to experience the community spirit ... not to speak of the farmer's market, and art and craft fairs ... right up my alley!

**CSAS:** What will you be teaching this year and what would you like to accomplish in your spare time?

**Professor Kaur:** In the fall semester, I will be teaching a class on North Indian Classical Music. This will be a combined-section course for undergraduate and graduate students, in which we will explore the music-grammatical features of this music, as well as socio-cultural aspects of its practice. In the winter semester I will teach two classes: an undergraduate course on Bollywood music and dance, in which we will investigate the diverse musical genres enlisted by this vibrant cultural industry, along with issues of social difference implicated by it; and a doctoral seminar on topics in ethnomusicology, covering themes from affect, sound, and sensory studies, and perhaps, a bit on transnationalism ... let's see!

Along with teaching, I will be working on my monograph on Sikh *sabad kirtan*, the sacred song tradition of the Sikhs. This book investigates the phenomenological, music-analytical, and historical aspects of the diverse musical genres and styles of Sikh sonic worship.

In my spare time, I hope to garden, go for walks, and keep up my yoga practice.



## Yusuf Neggers, Ford School of Public Policy

**CSAS:** Tell us about your research interests and what brought you to the University of Michigan?

**Professor Neggers:** My research interests relate primarily to the bureaucratic and political underpinnings of state capacity to deliver public services in an equitable manner.

More than half the world's extreme poor are now found in countries that have transitioned upward to lower middle-income status. In these countries, the basic capability of the state to marshal resources, train personnel, and put infrastructure into place is generally becoming better established. I'm therefore interested in how further gains in citizen welfare can be achieved through improvements in the efficiency of bureaucratic institutions in managing public service delivery. I'm also interested in how political accountability can be strengthened in these environments, which may better incentivize elected officials to direct resources toward and undertake reforms related to the services their constituents value.

The Ford School is a great fit for someone with my interests, and I'm also excited about the general culture of cross-departmental collaboration at Michigan. Finally, given that most of my work involves India, the size of the community interested in South Asia here was very appealing.

**CSAS:** Have you discovered any good secrets about Ann Arbor yet?

**Professor Neggers:** I haven't made the move to Ann Arbor yet, but I'm looking forward to exploring the city and surrounding areas when I arrive later in August.

**CSAS:** What will you be teaching this year and what would you like to accomplish in your spare time?

**Professor Neggers:** I'll be teaching two courses at the Ford School in the winter term – a quantitative methods course in program evaluation, and most likely a course related to the political economy of development. As an Alabama native and therefore Crimson Tide football fan, one important thing I'm hoping to achieve in my spare time this fall is developing an additional loyalty to Wolverines football.





**Matthew Boulton**, Senior Associate Dean for Global Public Health, is in the final year of a three-year foundation-funded project in Chandigarh. He is working in collaboration with the Department of Pediatrics at the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER-Chandigarh) assessing breakdown of maternal measles antibodies in infants over their first year of life. His research group is attempting to assist the Indian Government with their measles elimination efforts. Concurrently, he and his colleagues are also investigating the impact and cost-effectiveness of female community health workers (i.e Accredited Social Health Activists [ASHAs], Nurse Midwives,



and Anganwadi workers) in delivering immunizations and other maternal child health services to poor and under-served populations.

Recent publications by Professor Boulton include:

Shenton L, Wagner AL, Bettampadi D, Masters N, Carlson BF, Boulton ML. Factors Associated with Vaccination Status of Children Aged 12-48 months in India, 2012-2013, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 2018 Mar; 22(3):419-428.

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Singh AK, Wagner AL, Joshi J, Carlson BF, Aneja S, Boulton ML. Causality assessment of serious and severe adverse events following immunization in India: a 4-year practical experience, *Expert Review of Vaccines*, 2018 Jun 11:1-8.



**William Axinn**, Professor of Sociology, has four current projects in South Asia.

With the support of the National Institute of Mental Health, Axinn is working with members of the Chitwan Valley Family Study in Nepal to advance knowledge of how local community and genetic endowments shape mental health. His second project also involves the Chitwan Valley Family Study and aims to make its data more easily available for comparative research. Axinn's third project is in conjunction with the Department for International Development; this project will develop and validate measures of accountability and evaluating student achievement gains at all levels of the educational infrastructure in Nepal. The Government of Tamil Nadu, India enlisted Axinn, along with other affiliates of U-M's Survey Research Center, to launch the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Study. This project is a rare opportunity to harmonize a new long-term family panel study to important existing panel studies, including the Chitwan Valley Family Study. Axinn has also recently published articles in various peer-reviewed journals, including *Demography* and *Population and Environment*.



**Leela Fernandes**, Glenda Dickerson Collegiate Professor of Women's Studies and

Professor of Political Science, is writing a book on India's liberalizing

state and the politics of water. She published an edited book, *Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State: Inequality, Exclusion and Change* (NYU Press, 2018), and an article, "Inter-State Water Disputes in South India," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History* (April 2018). Her edited volume *Routledge Handbook on Gender in South Asia* (2018) was published in paperback. Fernandes delivered invited talks on her research at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Brigham Young University, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Virginia. She also participated in U-M's joint collaborative conference with Shiv Nadar University.



**Will Glover,**  
Associate Professor of History and newly appointed Director of the Center for

South Asian Studies, published an article on the near tripling in growth (since the 2001 Indian Census) of a type of settlement called "census towns," which are considered urban areas by the central government but rural for purposes of local administration. The article traced the history of this phenomenon in colonial Punjab [see "Living in a Category," in *Economic and Political Weekly, Review of Urban Affairs*, 53.2 (Jan. 13, 2018)]. Glover also participated in a Mellon workshop at Cornell University focused on the topic of small cities in South Asia in April, 2018, where he gave a paper entitled, "Towards a History of Agrarian Urbanism."



**Daniel Herwitz,**  
Professor of Art History, has published numerous catalogue

essays and articles over the past year. Most notably, however, was the publication of his book, *Aesthetics, Arts and Politics in a Global World* (Bloomsbury Press 2017).



**Madhumita Lahiri,** Assistant Professor of English, attended the Association for Asian Studies

"in-Asia" conference in New Delhi with support from CSAS. Building on the center's "Sound and South Asia" conference in 2016, Lahiri held two linked panels on "Listening in India," which drew a variety of scholars and led to a productive conversation. In addition, Lahiri published "Print for the People: Tagore, China, and the Bengali Vernacular" in the journal *Comparative Literature*.



**Farina Mir,**  
Associate Professor of History, published "History 101: What it is and Why we

Need it Now," in the April, 2018 issue of *Perspectives on History*. The article, coauthored with Paulina Alberto, examines the History 101 course Mir and Alberto have developed at U-M, and for which they were awarded the Matthews Undergraduate Teaching Award from LSA in 2017. Mir was

awarded a Michigan Humanities Award from LSA for 2018-19, which she will use to work on her current research project, "Genres of Muslim Modernity: Being Muslim in Colonial India, c. 1850-1947." This year, she gave presentations on the project at U-M's Institute for the Humanities and at Brown University's Center for Contemporary South Asia.

**Shobita Parthasarathy** was recently promoted to Professor of Public Policy and Women's Studies, effective September 2018. In an



interview with the *Times of India* following her promotion, Parthasarathy described her career

path and the motivation behind her teaching and research. Parthasarathy's book, *Patent Politics: Life Forms, Markets, and the Public Interest in the United States and Europe* (University of Chicago Press, 2017) won the Robert K. Merton book award from the American Sociological Association's Science, Knowledge, and Technology section. She also published a piece related to her new research in India: "Grassroots Innovation Systems for a Post-Carbon World: Promoting Economic Democracy, Environmental Sustainability, and the Public Interest" in the *Brooklyn Law Review*.



**Kentaro Toyama,**  
Associate Professor in the School of Information, has been working

to understand the large discrepancy in the representation of women among undergraduate computer

science majors in the United States versus India. Together with researchers at Google, Toyama explored this and other gender-and-technology phenomena in India. In a recent publication, Toyama, along with researchers at Information Technology University (Lahore) investigated how informational reminders via mobile phones can enhance maternal health in Pakistan. That work will continue with a new grant from the National Academies Keck Futures Initiative. Toyama also has several ongoing projects, including an evaluation of a digital video program for agriculture extension in Bihar, India; an exploration of mosques as a site for secular community development in Bangladesh; and an ethnographic investigation of hearing aids for a young-adult deaf community in Mumbai. Toyama continues to serve as an advisor to the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIIT-Delhi).



**Richard Tucker,**  
Adjunct Professor in the School for Environment and

Sustainability, has focussed his recent publications on the topic of the global environmental history of warfare and militarism. He has authored, edited, or co-edited several articles and book chapters addressing the environmental impacts of the First and Second World Wars, as well as later wars across the globe. Related to this topic, his publications also address the environmental consequences of authoritarian regimes and mass migrations.



# Graduate Student News

## 2017-18 GRADUATES



### **Deepti Bettampadi**

completed her PhD in May 2018. Bettampadi, a student of Dr. Boulton,

is an Indian physician who worked for many years on India's Polio Stop Teams. Her dissertation research, entitled "Trends in Social Inequities in Childhood Vaccination in India: Pathways and Interventions," will be published later this year as three separate manuscripts. Bettampadi is now moving on to a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford.



### **Leslie Hempson**

received her PhD in History in August 2018. Her dissertation

is entitled, "The Social Life of Khadi: Gandhi's Experiments with the Indian Economy, c. 1915-1965." Hempson will join Denison University in Fall 2018 as a Visiting Assistant Professor of South Asian History.



### **Tapsi Mathur**

received her PhD in History in August 2018. Her dissertation, "How Profes-

sionals became Natives: Geography and Trans-Frontier Exploration in Colonial India," traces the development of a professional group of "native" explorers employed by the British in exploring the frontiers of India in the nineteenth century. In fall 2018, she

will join New York University Shanghai as a teaching fellow in the Global Perspectives on Society Program.



### **Lia Wolock**

is an assistant professor in the Department of Journalism, Advertising,

and Media Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She was awarded a PhD by the Department of Communication Studies in 2018. Her dissertation, "Producing South Asian America: Community, Digital Media, and Connectivity" examines the popular emergence of a discourse of being South Asian American among second-generation professionals using digital media over the last two decades. In mapping this shift, she emphasizes the pioneering labor undertaken by marginalized, minority, and hybrid communities to produce and manage cultural and technological connectivity.

## CONTINUING STUDENTS

**Padma Chirumamilla**, PhD Candidate in the School of Information, is a 2018-19 David and Mary Hunting



Graduate Fellow at the University of Michigan's Institute for the Humanities. While

in residence at the institute, she will be completing her dissertation, Producing TV(s): The Multitudinous Life of Television in South India, which examines the discursive and material forces that shaped the development of cable television in non-Hindi speaking South India.



### **Meenu Deswal**

is a PhD student in the Department of History. She was recently

awarded the Rackham International Research Award for conducting research in India for the 2018-2019 academic year. Her research focuses on the quotidian legal lives of women in late nineteenth century Punjab.



### **Salman Adil Hussain**

is a PhD student in the Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History. Hus-

sain's research focuses on working-class male migration from Sahiwal, a small city in Pakistan, to the Arabian Gulf, with an emphasis on masculinity and gendered discourses, status, provinciality, and urban history. Hussain spent the summer of 2018 doing ethnographic research with returned Gulf migrants, overseas employment agents, and residents in Sahiwal, as well as with Pakistani workers in the UAE. He also helped organize the 8th Annual U-M Pakistan Conference on the theme of migration, and a CSAS sponsored spoken-word performance event, "Migrant Stories."



### **Swarnim Khare**

is a third year PhD student in the Department of Asian Languages

and Cultures. Her PhD project focuses on nonfiction accounts of imprisonment produced by political prisoners in India. She works with texts written

in Hindi, Urdu and English. During the summer of 2018, she took part in the University of Michigan - University of Puerto Rico Symposium, held in San Juan, and presented a paper titled, "Teaching the Caste System in India - Strategies and Responsibilities". She was awarded the Hide Shohara Language Fellowship by the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, which helped her to successfully complete the advanced level of the AIIS Urdu Language Program held in Lucknow during summer 2018. She also spent part of the summer working on her translation of a short story by contemporary Dalit writer, Anita Bharti. This will be published in a special issue on Dalit writings in the online magazine Words Without Borders.



### **Sikandar Maitra Kumar**

is a PhD candidate in the Department of History. His

dissertation explores issues pertaining to the nexus between popular religion, vernacular spheres of political thought, and the genealogies of collective politics and democratic practice in late colonial India. In 2017-18, Kumar received the Rackham International Students Fellowship and the Rackham Humanities Dissertation Fellowship to fund his dissertation research in Delhi, Allahabad, and Varanasi in 2018-19.



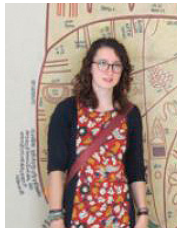
**Sierra LaPoint** is a masters student with the Center for South Asian Studies.

She is working on her thesis, which concerns Tibetan diasporic visual and material culture, especially its display and use in simultaneous efforts to preserve and transform the face of contemporary Tibetan Buddhism. This summer, LaPoint completed an intensive colloquial Tibetan language course at the South Asian Summer Language Institute (SASLI) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She has been named a Rackham Merit Fellow and after completing her degree she hopes to continue her study of Hindi and Tibetan through immersion programs in South Asia.



**Sriram Mohan** is a PhD candidate in the Department of Communication Studies.

His dissertation examines the politics informing the formation of new public cultures around digital platforms and mobile media in Southern India. An article he co-authored with Aswin Punathambekar, titled "A Sound Bridge: Listening for the Political in a Digital Age" was published in the International Journal of Communication in November 2017. He is also the co-author of an edited volume titled "Global Digital Cultures: Perspectives from South Asia" (University of Michigan Press, forthcoming).



**Janaki Phillips** is a third year PhD student in the Department of Anthropology. Her

dissertation project revolves around everyday interactions with ghosts and spirits in the hill stations of North India. Her work is concerned with the sensory dimensions of supernatural and spiritual encounters as well as how they relate to history, memory, and place. This summer in addition to continuing pre-dissertation fieldwork she received a Summer FLAS award to further her Hindi language studies at the American Institute for Indian Studies in Jaipur.



**Matt Schissler**, a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology, received the

Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship and the Blakemore Freeman Fellowship. Matt will be in Myanmar conducting research starting in early 2019. This summer, Matt and colleagues in Myanmar and England also finished a collection of oral histories, essays, and poetry on interfaith life. Their aim is to provide a textual resource for thematizing alternatives to ongoing violence and religious discrimination in Myanmar; the volume was released by a Burmese-language publishing house in July 2018.



## CSAS International Student Programs

**During the summer of 2018** we welcomed our second cohort of visiting undergraduate students from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Pune, and Habib University, a new liberal arts school in Karachi.

These students, who lived and socialized together in the Ecumenical Center and International Residence (ECIR) on Church Street, and who valiantly teamed up in an attempt to teach Ann Arbor the game of cricket (see photo), followed in the footsteps of a trailblazing group of their classmates who visited Michigan in 2017.

The ten IISER students secured places in University of Michigan research labs where they were able to work for ten weeks under the direction of U-M faculty members and alongside U-M students. These undergraduates worked on projects relevant to their studies at IISER and were able to learn how a university research lab in the US functions, while sharing the skills they had previously developed in Pune. One of the IISER students, Arindam Sharma, who was investigating the cosmic microwave background while learning to code in Python, recalled that in addition to his research, "The lovely people at the university and ECIR will remain in my heart forever".

This summer three Habib University undergraduates enrolled in U-M for the summer term and attended classes alongside Michigan students. U-M students undoubtedly benefited greatly from the opportunity to share their classrooms with Pakistani students who contributed their own perspectives, while the Habib students had the chance to establish friendships and engage in conversations that they would not have had access to without this program.

CSAS is already planning year three of these two programs, and we trust that the 2018 visiting students will return to Pune and Karachi to serve as ambassadors from Michigan to help recruit the next cohort!



# Summer in South Asia Fellows 2018

**Organized in 2006** with a generous donation from an anonymous donor, the Summer in South Asia Undergraduate Fellowship (SiSA) has provided over 80 students with funding for research and internships in India.

Please join us on October 5 for the Summer in South Asia Symposium (see back cover for time and location) or visit the blog ([sisa.iiisa.umich.edu](http://sisa.iiisa.umich.edu)) to learn more about the 2018 SiSA fellows' time in India.

Meet this year's fellows:

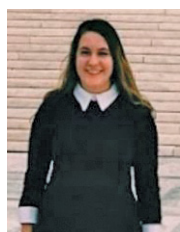


**Gretchen Andrews** is a senior double-majoring in screen arts & cultures (film) and psychology. Andrews spent 2.5 months in Mumbai interning for Bollywood feminist filmmaker, Paromita Vohra where she produced videos, podcasts, and articles focused on women's empowerment.



**Kriti Babu** is a junior majoring in neuroscience and gender and health. Babu spent

four weeks in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu working in PSG Hospital where she helped conduct research on how to advance comprehensive cervical cancer prevention in Tamil Nadu.



**Alexandra Card** is a sophomore studying history and political science. Card spent

eleven weeks in New Delhi working with Safai Karmachari Andolan, an NGO that works against the practice of manual scavenging. Card investigated the level of awareness regarding manual scavenging among law school students in Delhi.



**Arwa Gayar** is a sophomore studying public policy and minoring in law, justice, & social change

and political science. Gayar spent four weeks in Kolkata working in the legal aid and advocacy department of SANLAAP, an NGO that works to provide comprehensive aid programs to survivors of human trafficking. While there, Gayar analyzed the UN principles of positive responsibility of states under International Law.



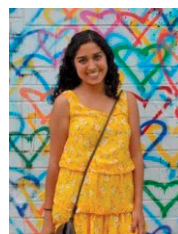
**Erin Haley** is a freshman studying business, data science, and computer science. For

three months over the summer, Haley worked in Pune with Atma, an education NGO accelerator. She volunteered as a project manager, working one-on-one with NGOs to solve prevalent business problems.



**Anjali Nemorin** is a junior majoring in community and global public health, with a minor

in medical anthropology. Nemorian spent six weeks in Bangalore working with an NGO called Child Rights and You (CRY) that focuses on childhood education and health. She gathered data and stories from various project sites to create an awareness video for CRY, and helped draft a policy to make child exploitation illegal.



**Safia Sayed** is a junior majoring in economics and minoring in history and gender,

race and nation. Sayed spent four weeks working with Samadhan, a Dehradun-based NGO providing

assistance to rural women. Sayed's research focused on the effect of American foreign aid policy on contraceptive use in Dehradun.



**Madeleine Steiger** is a junior studying biomolecular science and sociology. Steiger spent

seven weeks in Jhalawar, Rajasthan working with the Antara Foundation, a public health NGO that works to improve maternal and child health within the first 1,000 days of life. Steiger's final project analyzed how people in the rural region of Jhalawar overcome barriers to accessing health care in the midst of monsoon season.



**Julia Stuart** is a freshman in the College of Engineering. Stuart spent six weeks in

Udaipur, Rajasthan with the Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), an organization that improves rural access to water. Stuart's final project explored the factors that contribute to water scarcity in Rajasthan and the efficacy of FES in combating these factors.



**Madeleine Walsh** is a junior in the School of Nursing. Maddie spent her time in Hyderabad,

interning at Sanctum Birthing Center, a midwife-led birthing center. Maddie's final project compared the differences between how doctors and midwives communicate with their patients during the discharge process.



# CSAS Awarded Title VI Funding

**In late August, CSAS heard the good news that we were awarded a four year grant** from the Department of Education as one of a handful of National Resource Centers for the study of South Asia. The designation is an honor, and it will help support our education and public outreach activities in Ann Arbor and beyond.

In addition to being awarded NRC status, the center also received funding for several Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships, which will support undergraduate and graduate students studying South Asian languages for the next four years.

**CSAS IS DEDICATED** to promoting a broader and deeper understanding of the region—its histories, cultures, languages, and people—through research, education, and outreach programs. CSAS is committed to creating a supportive environment where scholars, educators, students, and the community have the opportunity to engage in dialogue and to study current and historical events related to South Asia.

CSAS gifts help support internships, student groups, faculty and student travel, workshops and lectures, visiting scholars, artists and performers, and special courses related to South Asia.

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# CSAS Lecture Series 2018-19

**September 7, 2018**

**Ramaswami Mahalingam,**

*University of Michigan*

Decasticization, "Dirty Work" and Dignity:

A Case Study of Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu

5pm • Room 1010 • Weiser Hall

**September 28, 2018**

**Ben Schonthal,** *University of Otago, New Zealand*

Buddhism, Secularism and the Pyrrhic

Constitutionalism of Sri Lanka

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**October 5, 2018**

**Summer in South Asia Symposium**

4pm • Room 1010 • Weiser Hall

**October 17, 2018**

**Sanjay Muttoo,** *Delhi University*

Lucknow in Letters: Endeavours, Achievements,  
and Tragedies

4pm • Room 1010 • Weiser Hall

**October 19, 2018**

**Thomas Trautmann Endowed Lecture**

**Upinder Singh,** *Ashoka University (Sonapat)*

Conflict, Violence and Resistance in Ancient India

4pm • Room 1010 • Weiser Hall

**October 26, 2018**

**Mrinalini Chakravorty,** *University of Virginia*

A Vigil Wasted? Notes on the Ruin-Sublime  
in Afghanistan

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**November 8, 2018**

**EIHS Lecture**

**Vazira Zamindar,** *Brown University*

The Disappearance of Things: A Civil Line of Enquiry

4pm • Room 1014 • Tisch Hall

**November 9, 2018**

**DATLA Endowed Lecture**

**Sudipta Kaviraj,** *Columbia University*

Dark Genealogies: Ambedkar's Struggles  
with History

4pm • Helmut Stern Auditorium • UMMA

**November 30, 2018**

**Lucinda Ramberg,** *Cornell University*

"We Were Always Buddhist:" Caste Emancipation  
and Sexual Politics in South India

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**December 7, 2018**

**Swarnavel Eswaran,** *Michigan State University*

"Digital Tamil Cinema: Tendencies, Trends,  
and Possibilities"

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**January 18, 2019**

**Shobita Parthasarathy,** *University of Michigan*

Understanding the New Credibility Regimes of  
Development: The Politics of Sanitary Pads as a  
Pro-Poor Technology in India

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**February 1, 2019**

**Subir Sinha,** *University of London*

Of Commodities and Frontiers: Looking for  
"Capitalism" on the Edges of Britain's  
Indian Colonies

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**February 15, 2019**

**Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference  
on South Asia 2019**

Keynote speaker: **Indrani Chatterjee,**

*The University of Texas at Austin*

9am • Room 1010 • Weiser Hall

**March 15, 2019**

**Srimatu Basu,** *University of Kentucky*

Practicing Vulnerability—Men's Rights Activists,  
Embodiment and Appropriation

4pm • Room 110 • Weiser Hall

**March 29, 2019**

**9th Annual UM-Pakistan Conference**

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**April 12, 2019**

**Priya Jaikumar,** *University of Southern California*

Film's Mise-en-Scène as Labor's Social Space

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