I am Malala and beyond: Exploring Pakistan’s History and Culture

Workshop Schedule:

8:45 Registration check-in with breakfast and coffee

9:00 Welcome – Rachel Weiss, Assistant Director, Center for South Asia; and Sarah McDaniel, Coordinator of Library and Information Literacy Instruction Program

9:15 Ayeshah Emon │"Pakistan's Political History - An Overview"

In this talk Ayeshah will be giving an overview of Pakistan’s political history, which will also cover basic facts and figures on geography, demographics, religions, trade, life in the city and rural areas, and an overview of the history of Hudood laws.

10:15 H. William Warner │ “The Pashtuns, the Swat Valley, and Malala Yousafzai in Regional Historical Perspective”

This talk will use Malala Yousafzai’s story as a way of opening up a discussion about the history of the Swat Valley and the history of the Pashtuns. It begins with a brief historical and geographic overview of the Pashtuns and the relationships between Pashtuns in different areas. The second part addresses the 19th and early 20th century with particular attention to the influence of European imperialism and Globalization on the Swat Valley and the North West Frontier Province. The final section focuses on the historical relationships that shaped Malala’s story.

11:15 Tayyab Zaidi │ "We know the story. Give us the details": the missing pieces of the Malala story

12.15 We will walk across the square to the University Club (Banquet Room) for lunch & panel discussion UW Student Voices with Syeda Samreen Fatima, Ibtisam Ul Haq, and Tahira Chaudary*

1.20 We will return to the Memorial Library, Room 126, for our afternoon sessions...

1.30 Hearing her stories: Pakistani Women’s Panel with Shahida Munim, Inshirah Farhoud, Kausar Chatta, Tehmina Zeb, and Huma Bakhtiar*

2.45 Fostering Engaging Book Discussions with Anjali Bhasin and Eliot Finkelstein

3:50 Closing
Speaker Bios
(in order of presentations)

Ayeshah Emon is a postdoctoral student in anthropology and gender and women's studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also received her doctoral degree in medical anthropology from the UW. Her research focuses on feminist performance and grassroots activism among the South Asian diaspora in the US. She is currently serving as a lecturer in the department of Theater and Drama at the UW.

H William Warner is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and studies South Asian History. His dissertation focuses on the decline of the Afghan diaspora in the Indian subcontinent during the nineteenth and twentieth century. He has studied Persian, Pashto, and Urdu and has taught classes on Islamic History, South Asian History, and World History.

Tayyab Zaidi is an Assistant Professor at the Department of English University of Karachi Pakistan. Here at UW Madison he is merely a graduate student at the Department of Educational Policy Studies working toward a dissertation on models of Islamic education in America. His research interests cut across organizational analysis, postcolonial education and Islamic studies. He holds Masters Degrees in English and in Applied Linguistics from the University of Karachi, Pakistan, and in Educational Studies from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is also affiliated with the Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions at UW-Madison and is organizing a symposium around the book to be held in the middle of November.

Syeda Samreen Fatima is a UW-Madison Senior, Majoring in Economics. Born in the NW province of Khyber Pakhtoon Khua, Pakistan and lived there until 3rd grade when her family moved to Peshawar for seven years and then Islamabad. She attended Business School there and in the fall of 2013 transferred to UW-Madison.

Ibtisam Ul Haq is a UW-Madison Freshman. Ibtisam is a lifelong citizen of Pakistan who was raised primarily in the rural areas of KPK and Punjab.

Tahira Chaudary is a UW-Madison Graduate Student, LaFollette School of Public Affairs, Focusing on International Development in South Asia; born in Pakistan and spent the first 8 years of her life there. Also spent the summer of 2014 there as an intern. Tahira is a recipient of a FLAS award through the Center for South Asia to study language and area studies for 2014-2015.

Shahida Munim is a physician specializing in Internal Medicine and sleep medicine, and was born and raised in Karachi Pakistan.

Inshirah Farhoud is a nurse practitioner with Medical College of Wisconsin, and serves on several committees including but not limited to ACLU, Islamic society of Milwaukee, Islamic resource center, and volunteers at several free clinics.

Kausar Chatta is originally from Swat, Pakistan. She has been in United States since 1987, and currently lives in Brookfield with her husband and 4 boys, and helps her husband with his businesses.
**Tehmina Zeb** was born and raised in Peshawar, Pakistan, currently an educator in Sheboygan. She has dedicated her life for community and social justice issues.

**Huma Bakhtiar** is a well-known and award winning Pakistani Television Drama artist. She currently manages her husband’s medical practice and has been in business as a jewelry artist.

**Anjali Bhasin** is a Public Services Librarian in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Eliot Finkelstein** is an Instruction/Public Services Librarian in the College Library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### Organizations

*Two organizations were very helpful to the workshop organizers for finding speakers on campus and in the community; we thank them for their support of this event!*

**International Reach @ UW-Madison** | [http://www.iss.wisc.edu/ reach](http://www.iss.wisc.edu/reach)

International Reach is a unique volunteer program that places international speakers in schools, campus venues and community organizations for short presentations. It provides interesting opportunities for individuals to share perspectives on their home countries with teachers, students and area residents for the purposes of furthering global education and intercultural dialogue. International Student Services (ISS) coordinates the International Reach Program.

**Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition** | [http://mmwconline.org/](http://mmwconline.org/)

The MMWC has been an active leader and participant in community events, interfaith and inter-religious dialogue, and a wide variety of educational, healthcare, and leadership forums. Building relationships amongst a wide range of community groups in an effort to promote peaceful communities. The MMWC has established itself as a trusted resource on Islam, Muslim Women and Islamic issues in the Greater Milwaukee area and beyond. Their tremendous work in outreach, advocating for social justice, promoting civil rights and building relationships and coalitions has made them the most recognizable Muslim Women’s organization in Wisconsin.

**Go Big Read** | [http://www.gobigread.wisc.edu/](http://www.gobigread.wisc.edu/)

UW–Madison’s common-reading program, has thousands of people reading, talking and sharing their reactions and opinions. That’s the idea: to engage students, faculty, staff and the entire community in a vibrant, academically driven experience. This open-ended, lively discussion is a platform for the exploration of important issues, from a range of perspectives. Join the conversation, read the book and bring your thoughts to the table.

**Center for South Asia Outreach Program** | [http://southasia.wisc.edu/](http://southasia.wisc.edu/)

It is our mission to encourage scholarly discourse, appreciation, and understanding of South Asian cultures and issues. We are committed to providing hands-on assistance and useful materials at the local, regional and national levels. We provide access to resources for teaching about South Asia at the K-12, secondary, and post-secondary level and to the community at large. We can assist teachers and community leaders in designing programs on a number of aspects of the arts, civilizations, cultures, geographies, history, and languages of South Asia. If you would like to schedule a visitor to come to your classroom to
talk about South Asia, show slides, or give a lecture on various topics, please contact Rachel Weiss, CSA Outreach Director at rweiss@southasia.wisc.edu