

# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & PAKISTAN STUDIES

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## Annual Newsletter

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## FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies produces an annual digital newsletter to showcase the noteworthy accomplishments and activities of its faculty and students. Although the latest volume, volume 5, was originally scheduled to be published in 2021, it had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent circumstances. Therefore, this newsletter will cover the achievements and endeavors of the department for the year 2021 and 2022.

We would like to highlight the exceptional contributions of Prof. Dr. Sikandar Hayat, a distinguished professor, and Dr. Saadia Sumbal, an associate professor, for their outstanding new books and significant research papers.

Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to Prof. Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra for continuously enhancing the department's portfolio through her insightful speeches at both national and international forums. Dr. Umer bin Ibad's book reviews and lectures on various subjects are also noteworthy.

Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge the significant role of Khizar Jawad, an assistant professor, for organizing students' excursions such as "History by Night" and "Trip of Walled City." He recently completed his Ph.D. dissertation, and we wish him a prosperous future.

In this edition, you will also discover the remarkable contributions of Forman Christian College during the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947. FCC's motto of "By love serve one another" inspired the institution to establish the most extensive refugee camp to assist migrants from India to Pakistan and provide medical facilities to the enormous refugee population.



**PROF. DR. FARZAND MASIH**  
Chairperson

# FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: FOSTERING UNITY THROUGH ITS MOTTO 'BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER' DURING THE PARTITION OF INDIA IN 1947

Pakistan was established on August 14, 1947, following the end of British colonial rule in India. In the lead up to the creation of Pakistan, many Muslims from across India began migrating to the new country, leaving behind their homes and possessions. However, the exact boundaries of the new country were not yet defined, and so millions of people were left unsure of whether they would end up on the right side of the border.

When the Radcliffe Line was finally drawn on August 17, 1947, an estimated 14 million people found themselves on the "wrong" side of the border. Many Muslims who had stayed in India were now living in a country that did not share their religious beliefs, while Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists in Pakistan faced a similar predicament. This mass migration, which came to be known as the Partition of India, was accompanied by unprecedented levels of violence and upheaval, with countless lives lost and families torn apart. In brief, the establishment of Pakistan marked a momentous event in the history of South Asia, but it also brought with it immense human suffering and displacement.

## ATROCITIES OF PARTITION

The Partition of India in 1947 resulted in a devastating scramble for refugees that escalated into a large-scale violent migration, lasting until December of that year and claiming more than one million lives. The communal civil war in Punjab, which lasted from August to October 1947, was one of the world's largest campaigns of ethnic cleansing. Recent estimates suggest that up to two million people lost their lives in this conflict, though the exact figure may never be known. Between the two states, some 12 to 15 million people were forcibly transferred, making it the biggest migration in human history.

The chaos that ensued after the Partition was marked by riots, political upheaval, and social turmoil. The journeys of those who migrated were fraught with challenges and difficulties. Hunger and disease were rampant, and the riots and violence they faced only added to their struggles. Trains would arrive filled with nothing but dead bodies, a haunting reminder of the horrors of this period. Among the many atrocities committed during this time was the 1947 Amritsar train massacre, which killed 3,000 people and wounded another 1,000. This was just one of many attacks on trains carrying refugees during the Partition, which saw the transportation of approximately 4 million people. However, the total migration across Punjab during this time is estimated at 12 million, with around 6.5 million Muslims moving to West Punjab and 4.7 million Hindus and Sikhs moving to East Punjab.



Courtesy Citizens Archives of Pakistan -  
Migration via railways during partition 1947



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Migration during partition 1947

## STATE OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN 1947

When Pakistan gained independence, it was confronted with a multitude of challenges in the health sector. The limited resources in both infrastructure and manpower were compounded by the sudden arrival of around 6.5 million Muslim refugees from India. These refugees faced several health challenges such as infectious diseases due to poor sanitation and acute housing shortage, as well as injuries and deaths during the Hindu-Muslim riots.

Despite the scarcity of health manpower and material resources, a refugee camp was established in Walton to provide medical assistance to the immigrants. This makeshift hospital, located in a verandah of a building with no doors, had a dispensary where the refugees could receive medical attention. However, the number of doctors and nurses available to provide medical services was woefully inadequate. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics,



Courtesy Citizens Archives of Pakistan -  
Walton Refugee Camp in 1947



Courtesy Citizens Archives of Pakistan -  
Kasur Refugee Camp in 1947

at the time of independence, there were only 188 nurses and 48 doctors in the country.

Lahore, the cultural capital of Pakistan, had a few notable hospitals, including Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Mayo Hospital, and Gulab Devi Hospital. While Sir Ganga Ram Hospital closed soon after Pakistan's independence, Mayo Hospital and Gulab Devi Hospital continued to provide medical services to the local population. The former had a bed capacity of 300, while the latter had a bed capacity of 50.

Moreover, two hospitals in Lahore catered exclusively to the healthcare needs of women. Lady Wallington Hospital and Janki Devi Hospital were combined Obstetrics and Gynecological hospitals that provided much-needed medical attention to women.

In conclusion, Pakistan faced significant challenges in the health sector after gaining independence, primarily due to limited resources and a sudden influx of refugees. Despite these challenges, efforts were made to set up makeshift hospitals and refugee camps to provide medical assistance to the immigrants. Despite the shortages in health manpower and material resources, some hospitals in Lahore continued to provide healthcare services to the local population, and exclusive hospitals for women were also established.

## FCC IMPARTED A SENSE OF UNITY IN 1947

Amid the unresolvable crisis in the healthcare sector, FCC emerged as a beacon of hope in 1947. Its motto of "By love serve one another" not only instilled a sense of unity, but also inspired the establishment of the largest refugee camp to aid immigrants from India to Pakistan. FCC played a crucial role in the provision of medical facilities to the vast number of refugees, working in collaboration with several other church missions.

FCC's efforts were centered on the conversion of its two hostels, West Hall and North Hall, into fully-functional hospitals. To achieve this, medical professionals such as Dr. F. Collier, Dr. J. Varoon, Dr. R. Blocksma, and Dr. J. Ballard were invited from abroad to lend their expertise. With only 50 members of the Trained Nursing Association of Pakistan in Lahore after partition, FCC also extended an invitation to trained nurses from Europe and other countries. They were instrumental in establishing a well-equipped hospital within the premises of FCC to treat those who had been injured during the migration and riots.

This hospital, initially intended for refugees, continued to provide medical care for the next seventeen years within the FCC campus.



Present Day West Hall in FCCU



Present Day North Hall in FCCU



Dewan Bahadur Satya Prakash Singha

## S. P. SINGHA APPLAUDS FCC

In his momentous speech delivered on January 20, 1948, the first speaker of the Punjab Assembly, Dewan Bahadur S.P. Singha, acknowledged the pivotal role played by the FCC. His remarks shed light on the instrumental contribution made by this esteemed organization, which had undoubtedly played a vital role in shaping the region's socio-economic and political landscape.

"Before anyone, even before the state, I drew public attention to the injured in Kasur and made an appeal. Christian doctors and nurses arrived in Kasur before anyone else ... It was a Christian college which was turned into a hospital where Christian professors and other staff members along with their families, day and night took care of the injured."

## RE-IGNITING THE SPIRIT OF "BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER"

Although there was an improvement in health outcomes over the next fifteen years, a new reality emerged that presented changing health needs, growing public expectations, and ambitious new health goals. These challenges raised the bar for health systems to produce better health outcomes, and Church World Services was quick to recognize them. In response, a small hospital that was initially established for refugees in 1947 was relocated to Azaadi Chowk, Liberty Market in 1964 and renamed United Christian Hospital (UCH). UCH soon underwent remarkable development in infrastructure, the recruitment of foreign qualified doctors, the opening of the Nursing School, and the creation of an ideal environment that fosters the best possible care for patients.

Notably, in 1965, Dr. Don Bomes performed the first open-heart surgery in Pakistan at UCH, and the first successful replacement of heart valves was carried out in 1969. Today, UCH continues to serve in the caring and inclusive spirit of Rev. Dr. Forman.



Present Day United Christian Hospital

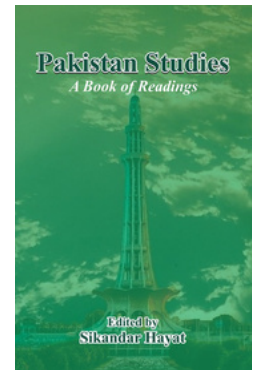
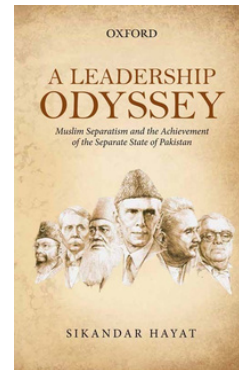
# Faculty News

## Prof. Dr. Sikandar Hayat

Dr. Sikandar Hayat is an accomplished academic with an impressive track record in the field of Social Sciences. He has three feathers in his cap: Dean of Social Sciences, Distinguished Professor of History, and a Professor at the Centre for Public Policy. He produced two books in 2021 – 2022, one entitled, 'A Leadership Odyssey: Muslim Separatism and the Achievement of the separate State of Pakistan', published by Oxford University Press, Karachi (2021) and the other, an edited volume on Pakistan Studies, 'Pakistan Studies: A Book of Readings', published by Sang – e – Meel Publication, Lahore (2022).

He has also contributed four articles to Hilal English Magazine, each of which demonstrates his proficiency in scholarly writing. His articles cover various aspects of Pakistan's history, including the role of prominent figures such as Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal in the creation of the country.

- 'Quaid's Political Strategy and the Creation of Pakistan' (August 2021).
- 'Allama Iqbal's Philosophy for a Separate Homeland for the Muslims of the Subcontinent' (November 2021).
- 'The Political Transformation of the Quaid' (December 2021).
- 'Remembering Allama Iqbal and His Influence on the Pakistan Movement' (April 2022).



## Prof. Dr. Farzand Masih

Dr. Farzand Masih was honored to be a distinguished speaker at the Mukalama Balochistan event, organized by Hast-O-Neest, where he delivered a captivating lecture on the ancient history of Baluchistan and Mehrgarh. His extensive knowledge and expertise in this area of study were showcased, leaving the audience awestruck.

Furthermore, Dr. Masih's commitment to promoting knowledge and education is evident in his latest contribution as an invited author of the chapter 'Ancient Civilizations of Pakistan' in the book, 'Pakistan Studies: A Book of Reading,' published by Sang-e-Meel, Lahore (2022). The chapter

is a testament to his meticulous research and thorough analysis of Pakistan's rich cultural heritage.

As the Director of the Forman Church Relations Office, Dr. Masih has been instrumental for taking care of the needy students belonging to the marginalized sections of the society. His unwavering dedication to this cause can be seen through the newsletters and Facebook page of the Forman Church Relations Office, which provide insight into the organization's ongoing efforts to foster a more inclusive society. Dr. Masih's contributions have been invaluable, and he continues to inspire others through his selfless service and passion for knowledge.

## Prof. Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra

Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra is a highly accomplished academic and expert in Pakistani society and culture. Her contributions to the book 'Pakistan Studies: A Book of Reading' and her book reviews on various topics demonstrate her expertise and knowledge in the field. In her book review of Sikandar Hayat's 'A Leadership Odyssey,' Dr. Zehra provides insights into the role of Muslim separatism in the creation of Pakistan, and the leadership that drove this movement.



In her review of Zubeida Mustafa's edited volume 'Reforming School Education in Pakistan and the Language Dilemma,' Dr. Zehra delves into the complex issues surrounding language in Pakistan's education system, and how these issues affect education reform efforts. This review provides valuable insights into the challenges facing education reform in Pakistan.

In her review of Kazim Saeed's 'Do Pakistan,' an online critical review, Dr. Zehra analyzes the author's arguments and perspective on contemporary Pakistan. Dr. Zehra's contributions to scholarship and her extensive speaking engagements demonstrate her expertise and valuable insights into Pakistani society and culture.

## **Dr. Saadia Sumbal**

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Dr. Saadia Sumbal, an Associate Professor, has an impressive track record of academic publications and conference presentations in the field of South Asian studies, with a particular focus on the history of Islam in Pakistan. In July 2021, she published a highly acclaimed book titled 'Islam and Religious Change in Pakistan: Sufis and Ulema in 20th Century South Asia', published by Routledge (2021).

Dr. Sumbal has also published two articles and one book review in international journals during 2021–2022, which showcase her expertise in the field. Her articles include 'Constructing the Religious Authority: Creating Exclusion along the Matrix of Knowledge and Power' in the South Asia: Journal of South Asia Studies, Vol. 45, Issue 3, (June 2022), and 'Collaborating Elite of Kalabagh and Patterns of Control in Colonial Punjab 1849–1939' in the South Asian History and Culture, Vol. 12, Issue 4, (2021). She has also written a review of Usha Sanyal's 'Scholars of Faith: South Asian Muslim Women and the Embodiment of Religious Knowledge' in the South Asia Research, SAGE Journals, Volume 42, Issue 3, (November 2022).

In addition to her international publications, Dr. Sumbal has also contributed to national journals with two articles: 'Ahl al-Quran Movement in Colonial Punjab: Exclusion of Hadith Literature' in the Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, Volume 29, Number 1, (Spring 2021), and 'Colonial Administrative Control, Collaboration, and Underdevelopment in Colonial Punjab' in the Pakistan Journal of History and Culture, Volume. 42, Number 1, (January–June 2021).

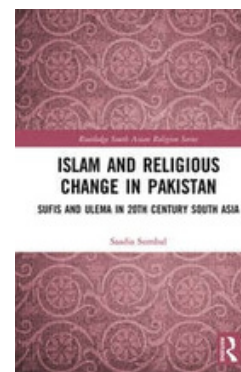
Dr. Sumbal has also presented papers at two virtual international conferences. In December 2021, she presented a paper at the Al-Shazly Centre on Sufism at Government College University, Lahore, and in October 2022, she presented a paper at another virtual international conference on 'The Punjab, Past, Present and Future' at Oxford University. Her research and academic contributions demonstrate her deep knowledge and expertise in the field of South Asian studies, as well as her commitment to advancing scholarship in this area.

## **Dr. Umber Bin Ibad**

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Dr. Umber bin Ibad, Associate Professor, has been actively engaged in scholarly activities, including book reviews and talks that showcase his expertise in a range of topics.

In his first book review, Dr. Ibad provides an insightful analysis of 'Countering Violent Extremism in Pakistan: Local Actions, Local Voices', a book published by Bloomsbury Pakistan and written by Anita Weiss. Through his critical evaluation, Dr. Ibad highlights the significance of this book in addressing the critical issue of violent extremism in Pakistan. In his second book review, Dr. Ibad reviews 'Leadership Odyssey: Muslim Separatism and the Achievement



of the Separate State of Pakistan,' a fascinating work by Prof. Sikandar Hayat. Dr. Ibad skillfully evaluates the book's content and demonstrates its relevance to the study of leadership and Muslim separatism in Pakistan.

Among his various talks, Dr. Ibad delivered a compelling lecture on 'Mysticism and Sufism' at a conference held at GC University, Lahore. He also presented a talk on 'Redefining National Heritage: Contestation of Antagonistic and Cosmopolitan Remembering in Pakistan' at the Annual Conference on South Asia held at the Center for South Asia, UW-Madison, USA. Through his presentations, Dr. Ibad demonstrates his profound understanding of the complexities of Pakistan's cultural and historical context.

Dr. Ibad's presentation on 'Performing Arts, Islamic Heritage and Mnemonic Hegemony: Establishing Framework of Collective Memories for the National Identity of Pakistan' at the Memory Study Conference organized by the University of Warsaw in July 2021, exemplified his expertise in memory studies and the cultural politics of Pakistan. In the same conference, he also spoke on the significance of partition in Pakistan's cultural policies in a session on Remembering and Forgetting.

Lastly, Dr. Ibad's participation in a podcast organized by Professor Nile Green was insightful and thought-provoking as he discussed the concept and culture of Muslim shrines in Pakistan. Through his contributions, Dr. Ibad showcases his wide range of knowledge and scholarly expertise.

## **Mr. Khizar Jawad**

Mr. Khizar Jawad, Assistant Professor, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his research work. He recently completed his Ph.D. dissertation, which he submitted to the University authorities for further processing. Additionally, Mr. Khizar has contributed two insightful research papers to the Pakistan Journal of Social Research. The first paper, titled 'Political Leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah: His Task Management Tactics and Goal Orientation Strategies', was co-authored by Ghulam Shabbir, Khizar Jawad, and Azmat Ullah. The second paper, titled 'Hindu-Muslim Relations and British Politics: The Emergence of Political Leadership in South Asia', was co-authored by Ghulam Shabbir, Azmat Ullah, and Khizar Jawad.



Mr. Khizar Jawad was invited to give a talk on 'Jinnah's Definition of Identity' at a seminar titled 'Jinnah for All'. The seminar was organized by the esteemed Professor Iqbal Salahudin, grandson of Allama Iqbal, and his talented students, who put on an excellent play about Jinnah. The seminar was graced by other eminent guests, including Prof. Dr. Nizam uddin, founder/ex-chairman PHEC, Prof. Dr. Atia Syed, and Brig (r) Taimur Afzal Khan, who provided fascinating insights into Jinnah's life and legacy.

## **PAKISTAN'S FOUNDER, QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF F.C. COLLEGE, LAHORE DR. CHARLES HERBERT RICE AT FCC ON 23RD MARCH 1946.**



Courtesy FCC Digital Archives

# EVENTS & SNAPSHOTS

## “SEPARATION OF EAST PAKISTAN – THE UNTOLD STORY”

### SCREENING OF JAVED JABBAR’S DOCUMENTARY



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies, in conjunction with the Griswold History Society, hosted a momentous event on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with the screening of Mr. Javed Jabbar’s documentary, “Separation of East Pakistan – The Untold Story.” This exceptional documentary sheds light on a crucial moment in the history of Pakistan, and was received with great enthusiasm by the audience.

The distinguished guest of honor, Mr. Javed Jabbar, is a renowned writer, filmmaker, and former senator and federal minister of Pakistan. His presence at the event added immense value to the screening, and attendees were captivated by his insights and perspectives.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Farzand Masih, Chairperson of the Department of History and Pakistan. He aptly set the tone for the screening, highlighting the significance of the documentary and its relevance to the current times. Later, Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, Rector of Forman Christian College University, delivered a well-deserved vote of thanks to all the organizers and attendees for their contributions to the success of the event.

The screening was attended by a multitude of distinguished guests, including Dr. Douglas Trimble, Vice Rector, and Dr. Sikander Hayat, Dean of Social Sciences, along with prominent members of the FCC management, a large number of students, and faculty. The event proved to be a significant platform for the audience to engage in a fruitful discussion on the subject, with the Q&A session serving as a catalyst for an intriguing dialogue.

The students, in particular, demonstrated remarkable interest and asked thought-provoking questions, which Mr. Jabbar expertly answered with fascinating and judicious responses. Overall, the screening of Mr. Jabbar’s documentary was an insightful and engaging experience for everyone involved, contributing to the enrichment of historical knowledge and the promotion of cultural exchange.

# EXCLUSIVE TALK WITH JUSTICE NASIRA IQBAL

## "IQBAL'S MESSAGE TO YOUTH"

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies, in collaboration with the Griswold History Society, organized a thought-provoking talk on "Allama Iqbal's Message to Youth" on November 15, 2021, featuring Justice Nasira Iqbal as the keynote speaker. As the daughter-in-law of Pakistan's national poet, Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Justice Nasira was passionate about discussing the current state of Pakistan and the failure of its leadership to fulfill the vision of both Iqbal and Jinnah.

During her talk, Justice Nasira highlighted the core principles that Jinnah and Iqbal envisioned for Pakistan, emphasizing the need to respect basic human rights and dignity. She quoted Jinnah's historic speech of August 11, 1947, which underscored the importance of inclusivity, impartiality, religious freedom, the rule of law, and equality for all. Justice Nasira's insights and observations were thought-provoking, and her words resonated with the audience. The event was well-attended by a diverse range of people, including prominent members of the FCC management, students, and faculty. The Chairperson of the Department of History and Pakistan, Dr. Farzand Masih, extended a warm welcome to Justice Nasira, while Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton praised her contributions as a Justice and a human rights advocate. Dr. Douglas Trimble, the Vice Rector, and Dr. Sikander Hayat, the Dean of Social Sciences, were also in attendance.

Overall, the talk was an excellent opportunity for the audience to gain a deeper understanding of Pakistan's history and its founding principles. Justice Nasira's insights were invaluable, and her message to the youth to uphold the values of justice, equality, and dignity was inspiring.





# LEARNING HISTORY OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

## VISIT OF WALLED CITY: A WORTH SEEING PLACE IN LAHORE<sup>11</sup>



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies organized an informal study tour for the students to stimulate interest and motivation in the history and heritage of Lahore with a special focus on the Walled City of Lahore also known as Androon Shehr (Inner City) of Lahore. There were 180 students in the trip by Mr. Khizar Jawad and Dr. Farzand Masih.



The Walled City Lahore is an unmissable destination for history students and the best place to witness the conservation of traditions and customs of Lahore, carried out by Walled City Lahore Authority under the leadership of Kamran Lashari. Walking across the streets and scanning Old Lahore through Delhi Gate, Sabeel Wali Gali, Shahi Hammam, students learnt important lessons on the ground about shared history of Old Lahore and gained a better understanding of its culture and legacy.

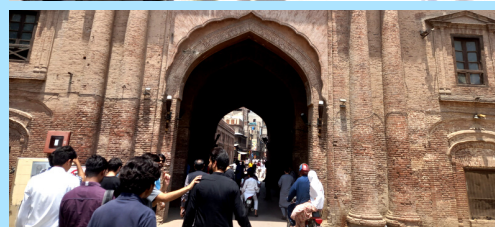


The Department of History and Pakistan Studies is highly indebted to Kamran Lashari and his team for making this trip successful and enjoyable.



### The Walled City: Delhi Gate

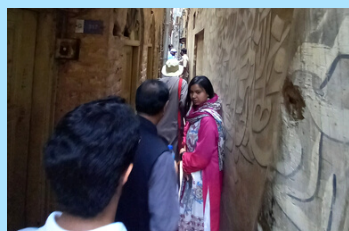
The officials of Walled City extended very warm welcome as students reached Delhi gate. No doubt, it was a great surprise for all to witness the majestic entrance to the Androon Shehr (Inner City) in its renewed splendor.





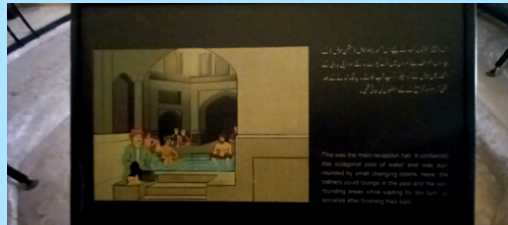
## Sabeel Wali Gali inside Delhi Gate

One of the best thing that happened to us in the Sabeel Wali Gali was our warm welcome by (Shahi Harkaras) a uniformed drummer and uniformed trumpeter with their performance.



## Shahi Hammam: Persian Style Mughal Bathhouse

Shahi Hammam also known as Hammam of Wazir Khan was built in 1634 along the path to Wazir Khan Mosque inside the Delhi Gate. This was the only Hammam built on Persian model in Lahore by Sheikh Ilmuddin Ansari widely known as Wazir Khan. The baths fell into disuse with the decline and fall of the Mughal Empire. Thanks to the Walled City Authority for providing us a trained tour guide who explained the rehabilitation of the Shahi Hammam in detail and made this trip a great experience.



## Usman ki Baithak, Gali Surjan Singh

Thanks to Prof. Shaid, father of our students and a local resident, one of who arranged a golden opportunity for us to enjoy folk songs in the Usman ki Baithak (drawing room), in the Gali Surjan Singh. The folk singer's performance was exceptionally well rendered. Most of students were so excited that they joined the singer in singing and saw Garah (pitcher) to be used as musical instrument for the first time. It was a great fun and merriment.



## Wazir Khan Mosque

The Department of Auqaf and Religious Affairs deserves all the appreciation for providing a skilled and friendly guide who explained history and elaborate embellishment of intricate faience tile work. The Department of History and Pakistan Studies is especially grateful for kind permission to view the old Lahore from roof top of Wazir Khan Mosque and also for allowing and facilitating us to use courtyard for taking refreshments and lunch.





## National History Museum

Students were also taken to the National History Museum, a digital museum located in Great Iqbal Park in Lahore. The Director of the Museum warmly welcomed the students and arranged a guided tour for them. The Museum consisted of five sections and included displays of various aspects of the Pakistan Movement as well as the cinema, music, and sports of Pakistan. Students enjoyed it a lot and were excited to learn more about Pakistan's history and the pioneers of the Independence movement.

## Lahore Fort – A Majestic Mughal Monument

Despite the ravages of time and theft, the Lahore Fort remains a magnificent feat of Mughal architecture. This historic fortress boasts an array of impressive structures, including the Diwan-I-Aam, Diwan-I-Khas, Moti Masjid, Sheesh Mahal, Naulakha Pavilion, and the Summer Palace. Our tour guide deftly led our students through the site, providing fascinating insights into the history and unique features of each building. The students were deeply impressed by the majesty of the Lahore Fort and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their visit.

Of all the structures in the Lahore Fort, the Summer Palace was a particular highlight. Tucked away beneath the shimmering Sheesh Mahal, this enigmatic private chamber was once the exclusive domain of kings and queens. Our students will treasure the memory of their visit to this hidden gem for a lifetime.



## Gurdwara Dera Sahib Shaheed - Astan Sri Guru Arjun Dev Gee

Gurdwara Dera Sahib Shaheed - Astan Sri Guru Arjun Dev Gee is a significant Sikh pilgrimage site located in Lahore, Pakistan. It is a sacred place that holds great historical and religious significance for the Sikh community.

The Gurdwara Dear Sahib was originally built in 1619 by Guru Harqobind to commemorate the spot where the 5th guru of Sikhism, Guru Arjun Dev, was martyred in 1606 with the order of the Mughal emperor Jahangir. However, the main Gurdwara building with a gilded dome was built during Maharaja Ranjit Singh's reign. Thanks to miss Purva Masood and the office bearer of the Gurdwara for the warm welcome and for opening the doors of the Gurdwara for the students. The students showed great interest in knowing about the beliefs and practices of Sikhism. Particularly students were impressed by their hospitality and enjoyed their tea and *prasad*.



# EXPLORING HISTORY BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: AN ENGAGING AND ENTERTAINING NIGHTTIME ADVENTURE



The significance of fun in the life of students cannot be overstated. It not only refreshes and energizes them but also boosts their creativity. Keeping this in mind, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies organized a special trip for students to explore and savor the beauty of Lahore's Walled City at night, aptly titled "History by Night," in collaboration with the Walled City of Lahore Authority.

The tour commenced at 7:30 pm, gathering at Roshnai Gate, located at the end of Food Street, Fort Road. We were welcomed warmly by a well-trained tour guide, which was followed by a soul-stirring bugle performance. The experience was both fascinating and enthralling. The itinerary included visits to some of Lahore's iconic landmarks, such as the tomb of Allama Iqbal, Baradari at Hazuri Bagh, Alamgiri Gate, Sheesh Mahal, and Royal Kitchen.

These timeless monuments were illuminated in a way that transported us to a different era. In addition, students were treated to a plethora of entertainment, including rickshaw rides, Danka performances, Tabla Sitar performances, and Kathak Dance performances. This blend of history and entertainment not only provided a fun-filled evening but also an educational experience.

In conclusion, the "History by Night" trip was a resounding success, and students had a great time. It provided a unique opportunity to explore the historical and cultural significance of Lahore's Walled City while also enjoying a fun-filled evening with their peers.

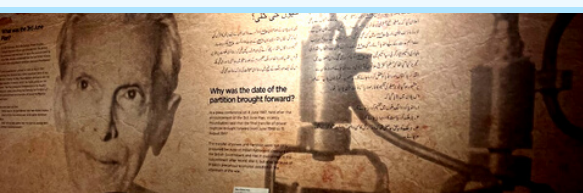
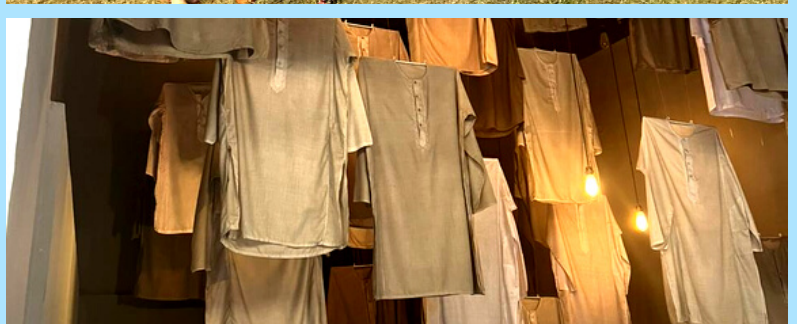
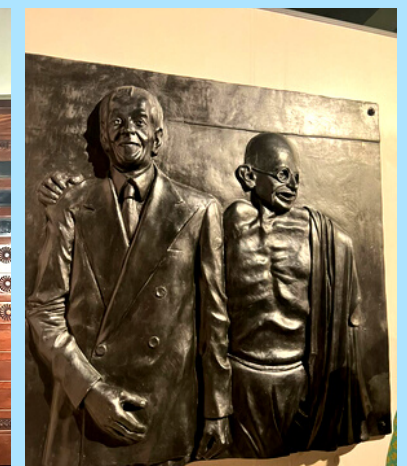
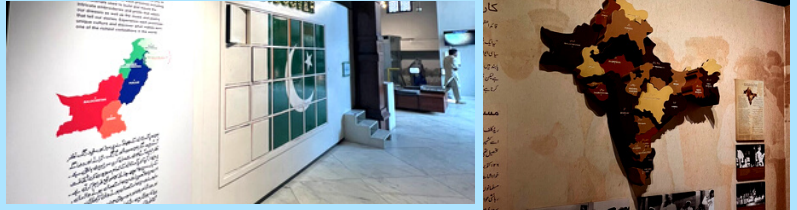
# EXPLORING THE CITADEL AND NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM: AN EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies organized a captivating one-day field trip for the Pakistan Studies class, under the guidance of the knowledgeable and experienced instructor, Bushra Arfeen. The trip commenced with a scrumptious traditional breakfast at the iconic Food Street, which added an appetizing touch to the excursion.

Following the delightful meal, the students embarked on a brief but fascinating tour of the Walled City, which unveiled the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the city. The tour provided the students with a visual representation of the various historical events that took place in the area, making it an immersive learning experience.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the National History Museum, located in the sprawling Greater Iqbal Park. The museum presented a comprehensive and engrossing display of various aspects of the Pakistan Movement, ranging from cinema, music, and sports to political struggles and societal changes. The exhibits, carefully curated to showcase the historical timeline of the country, captivated the students' attention and left them awestruck.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were enthralled by the opportunity to delve deeper into Pakistan's rich history and the heroic pioneers who fought for the country's independence. The trip not only enhanced their knowledge but also instilled a sense of pride and appreciation for their cultural and historical roots.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY HOSTED BY PROF. DR. SIKANDAR HAYAT

On Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Prof. Dr. Sikandar Hayat, the Dean of Social Sciences, graciously hosted a delightful Christmas gathering. The event was attended by members of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies faculty, as well as staff members of the Dean's office. The party was a resounding success, allowing the participants to unwind and connect with each other outside of their offices.

Dr. Hayat's Christmas celebration was a remarkable testament to his leadership and commitment to fostering a sense of community among the members of his department and office.



# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PAKISTAN STUDIES WINS THE THIRD PRIZE



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies was awarded a 'Third Prize' in a competition for donations for deserving needy students. The Fundraising Ceremony was organized by Advancement Office on Nov. 30, 2022.



# STUDENTS' NEWS

## HISTORY & LITERATURE AS REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

On November 7th, 2022, a stimulating conversation on the intersection of history and literature was held at Auditorium E-025, featuring Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra and Dr. Nukhbah Taj Langah. The event was jointly organized by the Griswold History Society and the Ewing English Society.

During their discussion, Dr. Zehra and Dr. Langah delved into the complex process of crafting historical narratives while grappling with issues such as the dangers of nationalistic revisionism. They also explored the interplay between history and literature, emphasizing that while history serves as a record of the past, literature provides a reflection of society. The speakers emphasized the vital responsibility that the discipline of history bears in shaping our understanding of the world, particularly in light of current global challenges.



## CAN WE BRIDGE THE PARTITION OF 1947?



On 9th December 2022, a talk about the partition was organized by the Griswold History Society and the Department of History/Pakistan Studies. The talk was held in room E:038 and was led by the guest speaker, Professor Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia from Ohio State University, USA.

Dr. Butalia began the discussion by recounting his personal experience of the partition. His family had originally resided in Gurjanwala and had migrated to India in 1947 due to the upheaval caused by the partition. His emotionally charged speech examined the possibility of a more permeable border, one that is less rigid and more accommodating.

The talk exuded a sense of hope, one that suggested that despite the violence and politics of hate that have surrounded the partition, humanity will ultimately prevail. Dr. Butalia's inspiring words offered a hopeful message of a future where the boundaries between nations and people may become more fluid and open.

## EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK BY GUL MOHAR – A STUDENT OF HISTORY MAJOR

Gul Mohar, a dedicated student in her 3rd semester pursuing a major in History, is not only deeply engrossed in the subject but also has a passion for painting, which she regards as a delightful chapter of her life. Her artistic inclination and skill were on full display at the Art Exhibition organized by Art Junction at FCC- A Chartered University on December 20, 2022.

Gul Mohar's participation in the Art Exhibition was a remarkable achievement, showcasing her exceptional skills as an artist and her unique ability to blend her passion for History with her artistic expression. Her artwork was truly awe-inspiring and left a lasting impression on all who were fortunate enough to see it.



# GRISWOLD HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBERS



# HISTORY MAJOR STUDENTS





# **AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GRISWOLD HISTORY SOCIETY PRESIDENT, MUHAMMAD NAUROZE GHAFAR**

## **1. How did you come to choose history as your major?**

Initially, my intention was to pursue a major in Business. However, during my third semester, I enrolled in a fascinating course on ancient South Asian history taught by the esteemed Dr. Farzand Masih. Through a deep exploration of the Indus valley civilization, the rise of Buddhism, the Gupta empire, Alexander the Great's campaigns, and the Kushans, I found myself increasingly drawn to the rich and diverse history of South Asia.

This newfound passion quickly led me to realize that a major in Business no longer aligned with my academic and personal goals. Since making the decision to switch my major, I have never looked back or regretted my choice.



## **2. How would you describe the significance of history as a student?**

Studying history has enabled me to gain a deep appreciation for aspects of life that extend beyond my immediate background. By delving into the past, I have had the opportunity to broaden my cultural horizons and deepen my understanding of diverse societies and their unique practices. Furthermore, history has proven to be a powerful tool for developing critical insight into contemporary events. Through the lens of the past, I have been able to develop a nuanced perspective that allows me to contextualize and better comprehend the complexities of the present.

## **3. Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?**

My profound fascination lies in the conservation and restoration of historical artifacts, records, and documents. Consequently, I find the field of archival work particularly compelling. Although I intend to pursue a master's degree in the future, currently, my focus is on enhancing my knowledge and skills in the archives domain.

## **4. How would you describe your experience at Forman Christian College?**

My experience at Forman Christian College was truly unforgettable. I cherished every moment of it and felt genuinely appreciated as a student. The core values of FC, encapsulated in the motto "By Love, Serve, One Another," resonated deeply with me. I am immensely grateful to Dr. Farzand Masih, the chairperson, and our Griswold History Society advisor, and all respectable teachers of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, for providing me with such a meaningful and rewarding academic journey at Forman Christian College. The experience has only reinforced my passion for the conservation and restoration of historical artifacts, records, and documents, and I am excited to continue enhancing my knowledge and skills in the archive's domain.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## MEMOIR FROM DR. IQTIDAR CHEEMA

### FORMER SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF GRISWOLD SOCIETY

I am thrilled to share reminiscences of my time at the Department of History in Forman Christian College. Although I have contributed numerous internationally acclaimed pieces of writing, narrating my experiences at my alma mater is a unique challenge. Words fall short in describing the profound impact that this institution has had on my life.

As I reminisce about my time at FC College, I am transported to the past, a time when I was younger and eager to join the institution in 1996, back when it was known as Govt FC College. Despite having secured admission to another renowned college in Lahore with my high marks, I decided to become a Formanite. During my visits to both institutions, FC College's rich history, peaceful environment, and mission of selfless service won my heart.

During my time at FC College, I had the honor of serving as the Secretary General of the Debating Society and the History Society, and later as its President. In my first year of studies, I was thrilled to receive the Role of Honor from the college, and in 1999, I received a Punjab University Gold medal for FC College in the BA examination.

Leaving FC College to pursue my Masters at Punjab University in 2000 was a difficult decision. However, the academic grooming and training I received at FC College propelled me to greater heights. In 2002, I won the SAARC Genius of South Asia contest for Pakistan and received the Presidential Award from a fellow Formanite, the Late President General Pervez Musharraf.

I achieved my PhD in International Relations from University of Gloucestershire, UK and MBA from University of Sunderland UK and completed my CPD in Philosophy of religions at University of Oxford.

Today, I am the Director of the Institute for Leadership and Community Development in Birmingham, UK, and a member of the United Nations Global Steering Committee for the Prevention of Genocide. As an expert witness to the United States Congress, I have been recognized and awarded by the Congress of the United States and the State Senate and Assembly of the State of California. Yet, as I stand on the podium of international forums, I am always reminded of the wooden podium of P block room 10 or the podium of FC College auditorium.

I am delighted to note that my former colleague and dear friend, Dr. Farzand Masih, is now heading the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at FC College University. Dr. Masih is one of the few benevolent personalities who leave a lasting impression on one's mind.

In conclusion, my memories, knowledge, and skills acquired at FC College remain a source of strength for me. I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today, and I look forward to continuing my relationship with FC College as an alumnus.



Prize winners' support at Government FC college convocation. —The News photo



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