

## EDUCATION

- 1998 Ph.D., with Distinction, in South and Southeast Asian Studies, with emphasis in South Asian Languages, University of California, Berkeley
- 1984 M.A., in South and Southeast Asian Studies, specializing in Hindi and Urdu, University of California, Berkeley
- 1982 Certificate, Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) Lahore, Pakistan, University of California, Berkeley
- 1981 Hindi language and North Indian classical music, Friend's Hindi School, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India through Sonoma State University, California
- 1973 B.A., in English, Cornell University

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2001–2010 Lecturer in Hindi and Urdu, and Caucus Coordinator for Hindi, Language Program, Cowell College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2001–2002 Lecturer in Social Sciences, Merrill College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 1993 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 1987–1990 Director Nepal Study Program and Core Faculty Member, World College West, Petaluma, California
- 1987 Instructor in South Asian Languages, Language Board, Cowell College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 1986 Academic Tutor, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 1985 Linguistic Specialist, Nepali Dictionary Project, Center for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 1984–1985 Group Leader and Academic Tutor, University of California Education Abroad Program, New Delhi, India, University of California, Berkeley
- 1984 Language Specialist, Department of South Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2013 Yosemite National Park Fire and Aviation Management Outstanding Achievement Award for procuring funds and conducting hazard fuel reduction projects to potentially reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire to the community of Yosemite West.
- 2010 Fulbright Award, South & Central Asia Regional Travel grant for Tajikistan. J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Washington D.C.
- 2009 Fulbright Award, Fulbright Scholar Research grantee to Pakistan. J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Washington, D.C., 2009-2010

- 2005 Certificate of Merit for Time and Dedication to Students, Crown College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2002 National Outdoor Book Award – Winner Outdoor Adventure Guidebook Category
- 2000 Travelex Travel Writers’ Award – Finalist 2000 Guidebook of the Year
- 1997 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for Pakistan
- 1995 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad for Pakistan, U.S. Department of Education, 1995-1996
- 1993 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Russian, U.S. Department of Education
- 1983 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Hindi, U.S. Department of Education, 1983-1984

## GRANTS

- 2022 American Institute of Pakistan Studies, International Travel Grant
- 2016 American Institute of Pakistan Studies, International Travel Grant
- 2009 University of California, Santa Cruz, Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant
- 2008 University of California, Santa Cruz, Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant
- 2007 University of California, Santa Cruz, Institute for Humanities Research Small Grant
- 2007 University of California, Santa Cruz, Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant
- 2006 University of California, Santa Cruz, Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant
- 2006 The Christensen Fund of Palo Alto, research grant to document the traditions of Afghanistan's Wakhi people, link them with Wakhi people in neighboring states, and inform and enrich regional conservation and ecotourism, 2006-2010.
- 2004 Shipton-Tilman Grant, W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. for Afghanistan and Pakistan, “The Source of the Oxus River: A Journey to the Wakhan Pamir and across Dilisang Pass to Misgar.”
- 2003 University of California, Santa Cruz, Center for Teaching Excellence Mini-Grant purchase CD-ROM version of Intermediate Hindi Reader for McHenry Library.
- 2000 Shipton-Tilman Grant, W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. for Pakistan, “Mock and O’Neil Oprang Expedition” to find and cross unknown passes over Central Asian watershed to unvisited Wakhi winter pasture areas in Central Asia.

## LANGUAGES

Proficiency as per the Foreign Service Institute/Interagency Language Roundtable proficiency scale:

3+/4	Urdu, Hindi	2	Persian, French
3	Nepali, Wakhi	1	Russian, Spanish

## PUBLISHED WRITINGS & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

### BOOKS & MONOGRAPHS:

- 2006 with Kimberley O’Neil, *Wakhan & the Afghan Pamir*, a 16-page tourism brochure, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aga Khan Foundation-Afghanistan.

- 2002 with Kimberley O'Neil, *Trekking in the Karakoram & Hindukush*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 2nd edition.
- 2002 with Kimberley O'Neil, *Hiking in the Sierra Nevada*, Oakland, California, Lonely Planet Publications.
- 1996 with Kimberley O'Neil, *Trekking in the Karakoram & Hindukush*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 1st edition.

#### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

- 2022 "Orality, Literacy and Scholarship: Shifts in Gender, Genre and Performance of Wakhi Oral Expression," J. Baart, H. Liljegren, T. Payne, eds., *Languages of Northern Pakistan: Essays in Memory of Carla Radloff*. Karachi, Oxford University Press Pakistan, 301-316.
- 2022 Beg, Fazal Amin, John Mock, and Mir Ali Wakhani, "Recent Developments in Wakhi Orthography," J. Baart, H. Liljegren, T. Payne, eds., *Languages of Northern Pakistan: Essays in Memory of Carla Radloff*. Karachi, Oxford University Press Pakistan, 131-146.
- 2020 with Kimberley O'Neil. "North Country National Scenic Trail", "Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail" and "Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail" in *National Trails of America*. Carlton, Victoria, Australia: Lonely Planet Global Limited, 1st edition, 196-199, 228-235 and 250-253.
- 2016 "Snow Leopards in Art and Legend of the Pamir," Thomas McCarthy, David Mallon, volume eds., Philip Nyhus, series ed., *Snow Leopards, Biodiversity of the World: Conservation from Genes to Landscapes*, Academic Press, 1st edition, 210-213.
- 2013 "No American, No Gun, No BS: Tourism, Terrorism and the Eighteenth Amendment," Anita M. Weiss, Saba Gul Khattak, eds., *Development Challenges Confronting Pakistan*, Sterling, Virginia, Kumarian Press, 1st edition, 141-160.
- 2008 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Trekking in Northern Pakistan," *Pakistan & the Karakoram Highway*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 7th edition, 331-363.
- 2008 "Mountain Protected Areas in Northern Pakistan: The Case of the National Parks," Dr. Israr-ud-Din, *Proceedings of the Third International Hindu Kush Cultural Conference*, Oxford University Press, 30-39.
- 2007 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Wakhan & the Afghan Pamir," *Afghanistan*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 167-172.
- 2006 with Kimberley O'Neil, "The Roof of the World," *The Lonely Planet Guide to the Middle of Nowhere*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 170-173.
- 2004 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Trekking in Northern Pakistan," *Pakistan & the Karakoram Highway*, Footscray, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 6th edition, 341-374.
- 2001 "Bearanoia," *Lonely Planet Unpacked Again*, Hawthorn, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 149-59.
- 2001 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Ghujerab Mountains: Passes over the Central Asian Watershed, First Crossings," *The American Alpine Journal*, Christian Beckwith, ed., American Alpine Club, 43:75, 349-350.
- 2000 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Sierra Nevada" and "Long-Distance Trails," *Hiking in the USA*, Hawthorn, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 330-401, 468-493.
- 1999 "Running the Gauntlet," *Lonely Planet Unpacked*, Hawthorn, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 141-8.

- 1998 with Kimberley O'Neil, "Trekking in Northern Pakistan," *Pakistan*, Hawthorn, Australia, Lonely Planet Publications, 5th edition, 391-432.
- 1998 "The Cannibal King of Gilgit," Irmtraud Stellrecht, *Karakorum-Hindukush-Himalaya: Dynamics of Change*, Köln, Germany, Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, 653-662.
- 1990 "Introduction to Hindustani," "Khowar Glossary," "Burushaski Glossary" and "Balti Glossary," in Hugh Swift, *Trekking in Pakistan and India*, San Francisco, California, Sierra Club Books, 451-462, 472-478, 482-484.

#### OTHER RESEARCH:

- 2008 with Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc., et al. "Yosemite West Community Wildfire Protection Plan," Yosemite National Park, California, 34-page plan approved June 2008.
- 2007 with Kimberley O'Neil. "Socioeconomic Survey & Range Use Survey of Wakhi Households Using the Afghan Pamir, Wakhan District, Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan," Kabul, Afghanistan, 76-page consultancy report for the Wildlife Conservation Society's Afghanistan Biodiversity Project.
- 2005 with Kimberley O'Neil. "Tourism Promotion in Wakhan District, Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan," Kabul, Afghanistan, 64-page consultancy report for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Aga Khan Foundation-Afghanistan.
- 2003 with Kimberley O'Neil. "Local People's Attitudes Towards Wildlife and Wildlife Depredation in Pakistan's Northern Areas," Sonoma, California and Islamabad, Pakistan, 73-page consultancy report for the Snow Leopard Conservancy.
- 1996 with Kimberley O'Neil. "Survey on Ecotourism Potential in the Biodiversity Project Area," Islamabad, Pakistan, 29-page consultancy report for IUCN-The World Conservation Union.
- 1989 "Field Trip Report and Discussion Paper on Conservation and Management of the Khunjerab National Park," Geneva, Switzerland for the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) International Project 3893 - Khunjerab National Park, Pakistan.
- 1986 "Nepali Grammar for Travelers," Berkeley, California.

#### ARTICLES IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS:

- 2018 "Khandut Revisited: Shrines, Monuments, Rock Art and Indigenous Traditions of Wakhan," *Afghanistan: The Journal of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies*, 1 (2): October 2018, 282-301, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press.
- 2018 "The Red Buddha Hall Road Revisited: New Information about the Tibetan and Tang Empires in Afghanistan Wakhan," *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, 45: April 2018, 89-109, Paris, CNRS.
- 2017 "Raising the Alarm: Defensive Communication Networks and the Silk Roads through Wakhan and Chitral," *The Silk Road*, 15: 2017, 1-12, Saratoga, California, Silkroad Foundation.
- 2016 "Tibetans in Wakhan: New Information on Inscriptions and Rock Art," *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, 36: October 2016, 121-141, Paris, CNRS.
- 2013 "New Discoveries of Rock Art in Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor and Pamir: A Preliminary Study," *The Silk Road*, 11: Fall 2013, 36-53, Plates III-IV, Saratoga, California, Silkroad Foundation.
- 2013 "A Tibetan Toponym from Afghanistan," *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, 27: October 2013, 5-9, Paris, CNRS.

- 2013 "Darkot Revisited: New Information on a Tibetan Inscription and *mchod-rten*," *Revue d'Etudes Tibétaines*, 27: October 2013, 11-19, Paris, CNRS.
- 2011 "Shrine Traditions of Afghanistan Wakhan," *Journal Of Persianate Studies*, 4:2, 117-145, Leiden, Brill.
- 2011 "Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor," *Mountain Protected Areas UPDATE*, No. 72 - December 2011, Charlotte, Vermont, IUCN-WCPA Mountains Biome.
- 1995 March/April, "Karakoram Notes – Objects of Desire in the Northern Areas," *Himal* Vol. 8, No. 2, Lalitpur, Nepal, Himal Association.
- 1995 January/February, "Along the KKH – Notes from the Karakoram," *Himal* Vol. 8, No. 1, Lalitpur, Nepal, Himal Association.
- 1994 "Dards, Dardistan, and Dardic: An Ethnographic, Geographic, and Linguistic Conundrum," [unpublished manuscript], Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1989 November/December, "Will it be Guns on Ice?," *Himal* Vol. 12, No. 5, Lalitpur, Nepal, Himal Association.

#### REVIEWS:

- 2018 *The Wakhan Quadrangle: Exploration and Espionage During and After the Great Game* by Hermann Kreutzmann in *Himalaya: The Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 2, Article 29, 145-147.
- 1993 *Portrait of Nepal* by Kevin Bubriski in *Himalayan Research Bulletin*, San Francisco, California, Chronicle Books, Vol. 13, Nos 1-2, 73-76.

#### OTHER CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:

- 2016 Contributing author for Wakhi Language in the database *Cognancy in Basic Lexicon (CoBL) in Indo-European Languages*, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, Germany.
- 2015 Collaborated to update the entry for Wakhi language in *UNESCO's Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger*, an interactive online atlas (<http://www.unesco.org/culture/languages-atlas/en/atlasmap/language-id-1379.html>).
- 2004 "Snow Leopards, Mountain Spirits and Sacred Space in Northern Pakistan" for the Snow Leopard Conservancy's website (<http://www.snowleopardconservancy.org/pakistani-myths/>)
- 2006 WebCT online quarterly course sites for Hindi 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (<http://webct.ic.4csc.edu>), Faculty Instructional Technology Center, Crown College, University of California, Santa Cruz, produced each academic quarter, 2006-2010.
- 2002 "Hindi Language: Audio Online" for Media and Electronic Resources Center (MERC), McHenry Library, University of California, Santa Cruz (<http://library.ucsc.edu/merc/language/hindi>), winter, ongoing each quarter.

**WRITINGS IN PROGRESS**CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

- 2023 In Progress: "Tibetans in Gilgit and Wakhan – New Data, New Implications," Proceedings of the *International Symposium, Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum*, Rome, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente.
- 2023 In Progress: "On the Title *Tham* of Hunza Rulers," Proceedings of the *International Symposium, Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum*, Rome, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente.
- 2023 In Progress: "Onomastics of Shri Badat, the Cannibal King of Gilgit," Proceedings of the *International Symposium, Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum*, Rome, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2009 Produced Hindi reading proficiency exams for UCSC Literature Department, August-September.
- 2003 Advisory Board Member for Heritage Language Teacher Training, sponsored project of UC Consortium for Language Learning and Teaching, and UCLA Language Resource Center; online at <http://www.international.ucla.edu/lrc/hltd>, 2003-2004.
- 2002 UCSC representative to the UC Consortium Summer Institute on Heritage Language, June 22-26, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2000 Research Fellow, Institute for International and Area Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2000-2001.
- 2000 Visiting Scholar, Center for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2000-2001.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**CONSULTING:

- 2016 Contributor of Wakhi language data to the Cognacy in Basic Lexicon in Indo-European languages' database for the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, Germany, 2016-2020.
- 2015 Juror for Multi-Country Research Fellowship, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), Washington, D.C.
- 2013 External reviewer of Hindi and Urdu proficiency exams for the American Councils for International Education (ACIE), Washington, D.C., 2013-2018.
- 2012 Target Language Expert reviewer of Defense Language Institute's computerized Hindi language proficiency tests for American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Alexandria, Virginia.
- 2012 Reader of Urdu, Punjabi and Perisan language applications for the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program, American Councils for International Education (ACIE), Washington, D.C., 2012-2015, 2018-2019.

- 2011 External review supervisor of Defense Language Institute's computerized Punjabi, Tamil and Yoruba language proficiency tests for Lidget Green, Inc., North Fork, California, 2011-2012.
- 2010 External reviewer of Defense Language Institute's computerized Urdu language proficiency tests for Lidget Green, Inc., North Fork, California, 2010-2015.
- 2010 In-House reviewer of Defense Language Institute's computerized Hindi language proficiency tests for Lidget Green, Inc., North Fork, California, 2010-2012.
- 2010 Reader of Indic Language applications for the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program at the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), Washington, D.C., 2010-2011.
- 2009 Consultant on collaborative management and community-based natural resource conservation in northern Pakistan's Khunjerab villages for the Snow Leopard Conservancy, Sonoma, California.
- 2009 Technical Advisor on Community Conservation for the Wildlife Conservation Society's USAID-funded Afghanistan Biodiversity Project; Kabul, Afghanistan.
- 2006 Community Conservation Project Manager for the Wildlife Conservation Society's USAID-funded Afghanistan Biodiversity Project; Kabul, Afghanistan, 2006-2008.
- 2005 Consultant on tourism in Wakhan District, Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and Aga Khan Foundation-Afghanistan.
- 2003 Consultant on community attitudes towards wildlife in northern Pakistan for the Snow Leopard Conservancy, Sonoma, California, 2003-2004.
- 2002 Consultant on political and security issues in Pakistan for AKE Ltd., U.K.
- 1995 Consultant on ecotourism for IUCN-The World Conservation Union's Pakistan Biodiversity Project.
- 1991 Consultant and guide for National Geographic in Hunza, northern Pakistan.
- 1990 Consultant on rural sociology for World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) International's Project 3893 - Khunjerab National Park, Pakistan and member of the park's management planning team.

#### AFFILIATIONS OR MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- 2014–2020 American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Secretary (Elected, 2014-2020)
- 2010–2011 Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Treasurer (Elected)
- 2008–2010 American Institute of Indian Studies, Board of Trustees, Institutional Trustee (Appointed)
- 2008– American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Executive Committee (Elected, 2008-2023)
- 2007–2011 Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Executive Council (Elected)
- 2007– American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Board of Trustees, Trustee-at-Large (Elected, 2007-2023)
- 2003– American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Member
- 2000– American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Member
- 1987–2012 Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Member
- 1983– Association for Asian Studies, Member

PUBLIC LECTURE OR FORUM PARTICIPATION:

- 2022 "Tibetans in Gilgit and Wakhan – New Data, New Implications," Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum International Interdisciplinary Conference, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente, Rome, October 5-7 (Invited).
- 2022 "On the Title *Tham* of Hunza Rulers," Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum International Interdisciplinary Conference, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente, Rome, October 5-7 (Invited).
- 2022 "Onomastics of Shri Badat, the Cannibal King of Gilgit," Roots of Peristan: The pre-Islamic cultures of the Hindukush-Karakorum International Interdisciplinary Conference, ISMEO — Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente, Rome, October 5-7 (Invited).
- 2016 "The Tibetan Empire in the Afghan Pamir: Recent Discoveries from Wakhan," Centre de Recherche sur les Civilisations de l'Asie Orientale (CRCAO), CRCAO/Collège de France, Paris, April 29 (Invited).
- 2016 "Sociolinguistic Perspective on Language and Governance in Gilgit-Baltistan: Background, Concepts and Issues," workshop on Law and Governance in Gilgit-Baltistan, Nantes Institute for Advanced Studies, France, April 26-28 (Invited).
- 2011 "The Red Buddha Hall Road Revisited: Tibet, China and their Struggle for the Silk Road through the Pamir," Religions of the Silk Road Lecture Series, UCLA Program on Central Asia, University of California at Los Angeles, September 26 (Invited).
- 2010 "Discovering New Sources for Social Science Research," lecture presented at the Area Study Centre for Africa, North & South America, Qaid-e Azam University, Islamabad, August 26 (Invited).
- 2010 "The Red Buddha Hall Road Revisited: Recent Archeological Finds from Wakhan," lecture presented at the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, August 5 (Invited).
- 2009 "Pakistan in US Academic Perspective," round table held at American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, March 20 (Invited).
- 2009 Student Advising for Pakistani applicants to US graduate schools, at the United States Educational Foundation-Pakistan, Islamabad, March 19 (Invited).
- 2008 Keynote Speaker, Human Development Foundation 5th Annual Silicon Valley Benefit Dinner, San Jose, California, May 15 (Invited).
- 2006 Workshop Participation. "Developing Assessments for South Asian Languages," sponsored by the South Asian Language Resource Center, University of Chicago, held at University of California, Berkeley, October 27-28 (Invited).
- 2006 Pilot Testing of Computerized Assessment of Hindi Reading Proficiency for the Center for Applied Second Language Studies, University of Oregon, October-December (Invited).
- 2004 "Kashmir-Beauty in Turmoil: The Conflict Between India and Pakistan," sponsored lecture by College Nine and Ten Co-curricular Programs, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 5 (Invited).
- 2004 Workshop Participation. "Appropriate Pedagogy: Language, Culture and Curriculum in the South Asian Language Classroom," sponsored by the South Asia Language Resource Center, University of Chicago, held at University of California, Berkeley, February 12-13 (Invited).
- 2001 "The Current Crisis: Focus on South Asia," presented by the South Asia Studies Initiative; Ad Hoc Faculty Working Group on Current Events; the Institute for Humanities Research; the Center for Cultural Studies; the Center for Global, International and Regional Studies; the Center for Justice,



Tolerance and Community; the Divisions of Humanities; Social Science; and the Office of the Chancellor, University of California, Santa Cruz, November 8 (Invited).

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

- 2012 "New Materials on the History and Culture of Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor: Rock Art, Monuments and Inscriptions on the Silk Road, 7th-9th c. CE," presented at the -and Department of Archaeology, Government of Pakistan-sponsored International Conference on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in Pakistan and Adjacent Regions, Islamabad, Pakistan, January 5-8.
- 2011 "No American, No Gun, No B.S.: Tourism, Terrorism and the Eighteenth Amendment," presented at the AIPS-sponsored conference Development Challenges Confronting Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan, May 6-7.
- 2010 "Shrines and Monuments of Afghanistan Wakhan," presented at the Middle East Studies Association of North America 44th annual meeting, San Diego CA, November 20.
- 2008 "The Red Buddha Hall Road Revisited: Recent Discoveries from Wakhan District, Afghanistan," presented at the 37th Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 17-19.
- 2006 "Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor and the Afghan Pamir: Tourism and Trans-Boundary Opportunities," presented at the Karakoram-Kashmir Conference, Islamabad, Pakistan, May 28-June 2 (Invited).
- 2000 "Orality, Literacy and Scholarship: Shifts in Gender, Genre and Performance of Wakhi Oral Expression," presented at the 29th Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, October 12-15.
- 1999 "Ecotourism Potential in Pakistan's Northern Areas," presented at the Convention on Sustainable Tourism in Pakistan's Northern Areas, Gilgit Hunza, Northern Areas, Pakistan, June 12-14 (Invited).
- 1993 "The Cannibal King: A Buddhist Jataka from Gilgit," presented at the 22nd Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin at Madison, November 5-7.