

# American Institute of Pakistan Studies

## AIPS Grantee Final Report

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Grant Category.. Sr. Research.....

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Host Institution.. Pakistan Heritage Society.....

..... PHILADELPHIA, PA 19146.....

Home Institution UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA.....

Field of Specialization.. ART HISTORY.....

Period of Grant : From 2-3 and 10-11/97..... To.....

The candid evaluation of your educational exchange experience will be helpful to those who administer the program and to succeeding grantees. Those administering the program are primarily concerned with the facilities available to individual grantees, and ways and means of improving the program. Future grantees will be interested both in academic conditions and living conditions in Pakistan. Some items suggested here may not be relevant to your experience; you may also wish to comment on items not included. Please submit your typed report before departure from Pakistan, attaching additional sheets as needed.

### A Professional Aspects of Grant Experience

Comments will be appreciated on such factors as the value of the experience professionally and personally, its value to international understanding, your specific accomplishments in terms of teaching, research, publications, adequacy of professional resources and available associations with other academic people.

The exploratory and archaeological work carried out with the Pakistan Heritage Society has been very productive. I can only praise their collaboration.

An article on "Temples Along the Indus" was published in EXPEDITION last December. A report on the project entitled "Chronology of Temples in the Salt Range, Pakistan" was presented at the conference of European South Asian Archaeologists in Rome last July and this will be published soon in that conference's Proceedings. An article on "Malot and the Originality of the Punjab" will be published in the JOURNAL OF PUNJAB ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS.

Abdur Rehman, Farib Khan, and I also participated in the Symposium on the Indus Civilizations sponsored by the Asia Studies Group in Islamabad last March.

## B Details of Academic Assignment

Information on such items as your role as a teacher, name and number of classes taught, level of students, size of classes, acceptability of American-accented English, examination procedures, academic calendar at host institution, availability of textbooks, other teaching materials, library resources, etc. will be very useful for future granters. Please comment also if you have contributed to curricular or other future plans of the institution in any way that a successor will be expected to carry out. Opportunities for extension lectures outside the host institution may also be mentioned.

Research scholars and students are invited to comment on availability of research materials, faculty cooperation and guidance, problems of gaining access to materials, suggestions for materials researchers ought to bring with them, etc. as may be helpful to other scholars pursuing similar interests.

Our field explorations ranged quite widely, including surveys in Multan, Bahawalpur, and Rahimyar Khan areas as well as the Salt Range and D. I. Khan. The archaeological excavations in the north Kafirkot, D. I. Khan, carried out over two seasons, however, has produced the most spectacular results. While it is always difficult to maintain or plan a schedule for work in the field here, the flexibility and great competence and field experience of my colleagues always overcame all obstacles. We have in fact discovered new structures, and work will continue in additional seasons.

### C Administrative Aspects of Grant

Please comment on any aspects of program administration in which changes should be considered.

Information on housing, household equipment, food, schooling for children, clothing, medical services, social opportunities, and suggestions on what should be brought from the United States are always welcome by future grantees.

The existence of good Guest Houses in Islamabad make the transition into Pakistan an easy one. The personnel of the AIPS office in Islamabad have been consistently efficient and helpful. Arranging pickup at the airport is particularly useful when one arrives late at night. Most things I needed are available in the market.

D. Overall Critique and Commentary

Please comment on any additional aspects of the program and the grant experience not covered earlier in this report if you believe it will assist in developing a better program and a more fruitful grant experience.

The office in Islamabad was in transition, but still was most helpful and useful.