

# SEASSI / SASLI / CESSI JOINT STUDENT CONFERENCE 2016

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
THE PYLE CENTER, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
702 LANGDON STREET  
MADISON, WI 53706

## *Conference Schedule*

<b>9:00AM – 9:15AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>		
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<b>10:15AM – 10:45AM</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
<b>10:45AM – 11:45AM</b>	Constructing Nationalism (PYLE RM. 309)	Gender Issues and Empowerment (PYLE RM. 325-326)	The Evolution of 'Network Society' (PYLE RM. 313)
<b>12:00PM – 1:15PM</b>	<b>LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS (PYLE RM. 325-326)</b>		
<b>1:30PM – 2:30PM</b>	The Politics of Legality (PYLE RM. 309)	Wildlife Conservation and Sustainability (PYLE RM. 313)	
<b>2:45PM – 3:45PM</b>	Examining Buddhism Through Various Lenses (PYLE RM. 309)	In Search of Knowledge (PYLE RM. 313)	

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**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**      **REGISTRATION (PYLE PREFUNCTION AREA, OUTSIDE OF RMS. 325-326)**

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**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**

**1. 'Navigating the Worldly and the Divine'**

Panel moderator - **JACLYN MICHAEL** (Ph.D. student in Dept. of Languages and Cultures of Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

a. "Puja and Theyyam: An Analysis of Ritual Differences"

**ANNALYSSE MASON** (Undergraduate student in South Asian Studies, Religious Studies, and Sociology, Depauw University)

b. "Reconsidering the *Harivamsha*: Religion, Politics, and Historiography in an Early Mughal"

**RACHEL HIRSCH** (M.A. student in South Asian Studies, University of Michigan)

c. "The Case of Tukaram's Wife: Worldliness v. Devotion in Mahipati's Hagiography"

**DR. JOHN E. LLEWELLYN** (Professor of Religious Studies, Missouri State University)

**2. Strategy of Resistance to Commodification and Privatization**

Panel moderator - **AHMAD ATTA** (Lecturer in Urdu, Government Zamindar Post Graduate College, Gujrat, Pakistan)

a. "The Management of Mocking: An Analysis of 'Divide/Conquer'"

- **CHRISTINA MARIE ANG AYSON** (M.A. candidate in Asian-American Studies, University of California-Los Angeles)

b. "The Creative Commodification of Religious Tourism: Tibetan Buddhist Pilgrimage in Cusco, Peru"

- **ADAM LIDDLE** (Ph.D. student in Religious Studies, University of Virginia)

c. "'The Happiest People': Buddhist Volunteer Work and Urbanization"

- **SARA ANN SWENSON** (Ph.D. student in Religious Studies, Syracuse University)

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**10:15 AM – 10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK (PYLE PREFUNCTION AREA, OUTSIDE OF RMS. 325-326)**

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**10:45 AM – 11:45 AM**

**3. Constructing Nationalism**

Panel moderator - **DR. MUHAMMAD FAROOQ ASIF** (Lecturer in Urdu, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

- a. "The Invention of Hindustan: The Language of Hindu Nationalism"  
- **CHRISTOPHER CHACON** (M.A. candidate in History, California State University-Fullerton)
- b. "From Istanbul to Kashgar: A Shared History of the Ottoman Empire and 'Chinese Turkestan' through the Eyes of Ahmet Kemal, 1911-1919"  
- **SIYU FENG** (Senior undergraduate student in History, Amherst College)
- c. "Subaltern conquest by proxy: Filipino attitudes towards American expansionism in Mindanao, 1903-1906"  
- **JORGE BAYONA** (Ph.D. student in History, University of Washington)

**4. Gender Issues and Empowerment**

Panel moderator - **SIDRA AFZAL** (Ph.D. candidate and Lecturer in Urdu, Government Post Graduate College for Women Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, Pakistan)

- a. "Women on Wheels: India's Female Taxicab Drivers"  
- **KAYLEIGH REED** (Junior student in English, Classics and Asian Studies, University of Buffalo - The State University of New York)
- b. "Victims, Nationalists, Supporters: Ethnic Women's Organizations in Armed Conflict in Burma"  
- **MOLLIE PEPPER** (Ph.D. candidate in Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University)
- c. "Teaching violence: Childhood Factors linked to Gender-Bsed Violence Perpetration in Sri Lanka"  
- **RUVANI FONSEKA** (Fulbright Research Grantee, Master of Public Health & Master of Social Work, University of California-Berkeley)

**5. The Evolution of 'Network Society'**

Panel moderator - **RAJIV RANJAN** (Instructor of Hindi, Michigan State University)

- a. "Two Revolutionaries Meet behind Bars: Ho Chi Minh and Tan Malaka in the Hong Kong Jail, 1932"  
- **ROYCE NOVAK** (Ph.D. candidate in History, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- b. "The Structural Evolution of al-Qaeda"  
- **HARRISON KAUFMAN** (B.S. student in National Security and Biochemistry, University of New Haven)

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**12:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**“Authenticity, Language, and Identity in Miguel Syjuco’s *Ilustrado*”**

by

**Dr. Jessica Gross**, Assistant Professor of English  
St. Louis College of Pharmacy

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**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**6. The Politics of Legality**

Panel moderator - **IFTIKHAR HAIDER** (Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

- a. "Destroyers or Developers?: Analysis and comparison of large hydropower dams built by Chinese companies in Southeast Asia: The cases of Lower Sesan 2 and Don Sahong"  
- **SHENGQI ZHANG** (M.A. student in Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- b. "The Past, Present, and Future of Transnational Activism: A Conversation between Anti-Sodomy Laws in India and the United States"  
- **JESSICA BRAY** (Ph.D. student in Anthropology, Rice University)
- c. "Past as Precedent: Law and Nationalism in Myanmar"  
- **MATTHEW VENKER** (Ph.D. student in Cultural Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

## 7. Wildlife Conservation and Sustainability

Panel moderator - **SHEILA ZAMAR** (Ph.D. candidate in Dept. of Languages and Cultures of Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

- a. "Turn it down!": Studying the impact of noise pollution on wild *siamang* (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) to implement long-term conservation initiatives in Indonesia"
  - **MARILYN BRODY** (MPS Global Development student, Cornell University); and
  - **JUSTIN D'AGOSTINO** (Ph.D. student in Anthropology, Southern Illinois University)
- b. "Tigers are Good to Think: Cultural Constructions of Tigers"
  - **MARLA CHASSELS** (Ph.D. candidate in Ecological / Environmental Anthropology, University of Hawaii at Manoa)
- c. "Food Forests and Philippines Eagles"
  - **SCOTT ELLIOTT** (Peace Corps Masters International student in Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington)

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**2:45 PM – 3:45 PM**

## 8. Examining Buddhism Through Various Lenses

Panel moderator - **DR. AMELIA J. LIWE** (Lecturer, School of Government and Global Affairs, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Tangerang, Indonesia)

- a. "A Preliminary Study Exploring Medieval Thai/Siamese Influence on the Early Theravada Buddhist Archaeology and Urban Infrastructure at Angkor Thom"
  - **ANDREW HARRIS** (Ph.D. student in Anthropology, University of Toronto)
- b. "Theravada Buddhist Monastics' Experiences: Twenty-First Century Missions and Role of the Abhidhamma"
  - **C. SCOTT BRUGH** (Graduate student in Religious Studies, Western Kentucky University)
- c. "Ambedkar and the Dalai Lama: Western Reception"
  - **TIMOTHY LOFTUS** (Ph.D. student in Religious Studies, Temple University)

**9. In Search of Knowledge**

Panel moderator - **INAMULLAH NADEEM** (Ph.D. candidate and Lecturer, Arzu Center of Vernacular Languages, Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan)

- a. "Subverting Western Science through Hindu Philosophy in Amitav Ghosh's *The Calcutta Chromosome*"  
- **GISELE CARDOSO DE LEMOS** (Ph.D. student in English, Texas A&M University)
- b. "Comparative Hermeneutics: A New Technology for Reading Sutras in Modern China"  
- **JESSICA ZU** (Ph.D. student in Religious Studies, Princeton University)
- c. "Elite Thai-U.S. Migration: Higher Education, the Peace Corps and Networking at Northern Illinois University 1965-1968"  
- **JOANN LOSAVIO** (Ph.D. student in History, Northern Illinois University)

