SPRING 2007

Event Book reading by Rajmohan Gandhi, Professor - Global Crossroads. Prof Gandhi read from *Mohandas: A True Story of a Man, his People, and an Empire*, his biography of Gandhi. The event concluded with a book signing session by Professor Gandhi.

When Feb 20, 2007
Where Union Book Store

FALL 2007

Event The two-day Tagore Festival, in its 19th year, began with a reception and invocation, followed by a play staged by children and dinner. The keynote speech for the event was delivered by Patrick Hogan, University of Connecticut, Storrs. Movie screening and cultural program were scheduled on Oct 13.

When Oct 12-13, 2007
Where Channing-Murray Foundation

Event India Studies Lecture: “Vijayanagara - Exploring the City of Victory” by George Mitchell

When Oct 17, 2007
Where Plym Auditorium, Temple Hoyne Buell Hall

Event MillerComm 2008: “Nukes in a Globalizing World” by Pervez Hoodbhoy

When Nov 1, 2007
Where Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum

Event Panel discussion organized by the South Asia Collective, featuring Pervez Hoodbhoy and Smithu Kothari: “Economic Realities of South Asia and the Future”

When Nov 1, 2007
Where Lucy Ellis Lounge

Event India Sixty Exhibit, a month-long exhibit of art and artifacts from India

When Nov 1 to 30, 2007
Where First floor corridor, Main Library

Event India Sixty, a two-day symposium broken down into debates about the progress made by and obstacles facing India as in her 60th year of freedom

When Nov 2 and 3, 2007
Where Illini Union
Event Screening of Q2P, a film by Paromita Vohra about public toilets and the city of Mumbai, followed by a Q&A session with the Director
When Nov 9, 2007
Where Lucy Ellis Lounge

Event Pakistan panel discussion: “Pervez Musharraf’s Impact on Pakistan’s Democratization”
When Dec 6, 2007
Where International Studies Building

**SPRING 2008**
Event “Decolonizations: Subaltern Studies and Indigenous Critical Theory”, a two-day event that featured distinguished visiting speakers working in postcolonial studies and/or indigenous studies as well as two roundtables with UIUC faculty from multiple departments
When May 1-2, 2008
Sponsor Unit for Criticism, co-sponsor CSAMES

**FALL 2008**
Event Book reading and a talk by Rajmohan Gandhi, Global Crossroads International Living / Learning Community, following the US release of Mohandas: A True Story of a Man, his People and an Empire
When Sept 9, 2008
Where Union Book Store

Event “Sufi Music of Rajasthan”, a performance by Rupayan Group
When Oct 1, 2008
Where Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum
Sponsor Spurlock Museum

Event The Ambassador Series: A talk by Aman Rashid, Consulate General of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, followed by a Q&A session
When Oct 23, 2008
Where International Studies Building

Event “Tagore Festival” The theme of this year’s festival was “Ocean of Peace: Tolerance and Sustenance for all”. The organizers hosted traditional dinner, cultural programs and an interfaith dialogue with Rajmohan Gandhi, Robert McKim, Mir Ali, Rajeshwari Pandharipande, Rini Bhattacharya Mehta and Rev Axel Gehrman
When Oct 24, 25, 2008
Where Channing Murray Foundation
Event A lecture by Vanita Viswanath: “Great Leap Forward, Several steps to go...Microenterprises, Women and Growth in India”. Viswanath is the CEO of Udyogini, an organization that provides business development services to rural women in India.

When Oct 29, 2008
Where Illini Union
Sponsor Women and Gender in Global Perspectives

Event Archaeology Lecture: “The Substance and Symbols of Ancient Urbanism: Archaeology as the Site of Sisupalgarh, India” by Monica Smith, Archaeology, UCLA

When Oct 30
Where Davenport Hall

BROWN BAG LECTURES

SPRING 2007
Feb 20 Dheepa Sundaram, Comparative and World Literature “The Journey of the Writer’s Gaze in V.S. Naipaul's The Enigma of Arrival”

March 6 DF Ruggles, Landscape Architecture “Mughal and Rajput Palaces: Swapping Forms, Shifting Identities”

April 3 Hans Henrich Hock, Linguistics “Appropriating the Past: Language, Archaeology, and Ideology in Central and South Asia”

April 24 Irfan Ahmed, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology and Arif Masud, “Civil and Environmental Engineering The Pakistan Earthquake 2005: Assessing Disasters within a Disaster”

May 8 Amita Sinha and Swati Nagpal, Landscape Architecture “The Gomti Riverfront in Lucknow, India: Revitalization of a Cultural Heritage Landscape”

FALL 2007
Sept 25 Pradeep Dhillon, Educational Policy Studies “Picturing Identity: Indian Art after Independence”

Nov 6 Irfan Ahmad, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology “Mega Disaster Preparedness and Management: A Two-Way Learning Opportunity between Developed and Developing Countries”
Nov 13 Ritu Saksena, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
“Of Nations and Heroes: Terrorism as a Trope in Bollywood Cinema”

SPRING 2008
Jan 29 Rini Bhattacharya Mehta, Comparative and World Literature
“1857 and Indian Nationalism: The Literary and the Political Worlds of the Bhadralok”

FALL 2008
Sept 9 Amita Sinha, Landscape Architecture
“Memorial Parks in Lucknow, India”

Oct 28 Muhammad Modassir Ali, Comparative Religion, International Islamic University, Islamabad
“Islam in Pakistan: An insider’s view”

SPRING 2009
Feb 10 Ashwini Chhatre, Asst. Prof. of Geography
“Land Reforms in Himachal Pradesh: Thirty Years Later”

March 3 Dheepa Sundaram, Program in Comparative & World Literature
“Conquest, Rasa, and Personal Redemption in Kalidasa’s Abhijnanasakuntalam”

March 17 Darakhshan Khan, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
“Death of Alternative Sexualities in Bollywood Cinema”

April 14 Radhika Govinda, University of Cambridge
“In the Name of Capturing Political Power’: Dalit Women, NGO Activism and Panchayati Raj”

Upcoming:
April 28 Asma Faiz, Department of Political Science
“Citizen Diplomacy and Civil Society Contacts Between India and Pakistan”
OTHER CSAMES ENDEAVORS

- Susan Johnson-Roehr, a PhD student in the College of Architecture, was awarded the Girdhari Tikku Memorial Prize for the year 2007 for her paper titled “The Archaeological Survey of India and Communal Violence in Post-Independence India”.
- Co-sponsor of the South Asia Reading Group — 2007, 2008
- Participation in the World Universities Network (WUN) virtual seminars
- Outreach on South Asia:
  a) South Side Elementary
     When April 20, 2007
     What We conducted an outreach event on India for the fourth graders, introducing them to artifacts, books and musical instruments. Also shared were word finds with words in English of Indian origin and picture flashcards.
  b) Early Child Development Laboratory
     When Nov 27, 2007
     What We introduced children to Hindi alphabets and words and children’s books. They were given coloring sheets with names of fruits, vegetables and animals printed in English and Hindi
- “The Aesthetics of Bollywood” by Ritu Saksena, an article for the CSAMES section in Global Engagement, The Illinois International Review, Spring 2007 issue
- Made additions to South Asia outreach materials in the form of books, DVDs and artifacts

I-NIMS SA EVENT
Film Screening of Jashn-E-Azadi, a film on Kashmir by Sanjay Kak. Followed by a discussion with filmmaker
When Dec 9, 2008, 3 pm to 5 pm
Where Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum

South Asia Initiative webpage: http://www.csames.illinois.edu/about/sainitiative/