Dr. Sandria Freitag

Dr. Sandy Freitag is widely published on the cultural, religious, and visual histories of North India, focusing on Banaras/Varanasi, with a particular interest in source materials that inform the everyday lives of non-elites. Dr. Freitag is a former Executive Director of the American Historical Association, and she currently serves as the Chair of the Committee on International Learning of the American Institute of Indian Studies. She is here to advise the JMU students participating in JMU’s inaugural History and Culture Study Abroad Program in India, organized by Dr. Spencer Leonard, and the JMU Honors students who will be conducting independent research in India this summer.

Dr. David Gilmartin

Dr. David Gilmartin’s work focuses on Pakistan and his latest book is a modern environmental, scientific and cultural history of the Indus River (Blood and Water: The Indus River Basin in Modern History, U. California Press 2015). Dr. Gilmartin has written extensively on the history of irrigation in the Punjab and on electoral politics in India, and he has held Fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the National Humanities Center and Stanford Humanities Center.

The India Collaborative, a working group of JMU faculty organized by the Office of International Programs, is pleased to welcome two internationally renowned historians of modern South Asia to JMU on Monday, 21 March. Drs. Sandria (Sandy) Freitag and David Gilmartin both earned Ph.D.s at the University of California-Berkeley, and for nearly four decades each of these eminent Historians has published widely on a broad range of South Asian subject matters, with the former doing most of her work on India and the latter writing mainly on Pakistan. Now based at North Carolina State University, Drs. Freitag and Gilmartin will be on our campus to meet with JMU students and faculty individually and in classrooms, and deliver a combined public lecture entitled, “Two Narratives in Six Pictures [Each]” at 5:30pm in Madison Union Room 256.

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March 21st
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