

**International Working Group  
Annual Report  
2016/2017**

The focus of the International Working Group (IWG) was on the Year of South Asia, the last Arts and Sciences Passport Program. Service to international students was minimal as ESL was not as active as it had been in the past and administrative changes in the International Center caused a rethinking of the programs we were offering. We did participate in International Education Week.

***Activities in Support of the Passport Program***

Arts and Sciences spotlighted the South Asia countries during 2016/17 but on a smaller scale than they had done with other Passport countries. The library participated as they had in the past with exhibits that focused on our collections. The exhibits developed for the Year of South Asia are listed below:

- **Flags in the Atrium:** There were 8 countries featured in the Year of South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, The Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. These flags were hung in the Atrium of Young Library for the entire academic year.
- **Exhibiting at the Year of South Asia kick-off event:** The Library had a prominent spot at the kick-off event with a table and the opportunity to talk to people about our exhibits. The display of mini flags for the South Asian countries drew a number of people to the table.
- ***India Through the Eyes of Ellen Churchill Semple:*** This exhibit, mounted in the Rose Street Entrance of Young Library, featured postcards collected in India by Ellen Churchill Semple, a renowned Kentucky Geographer. The exhibit included a biography of Miss Semple along with a display of her cards that are owned by UK Libraries Special Collections Research Center. The virtual exhibit can be found at:  
[http://uknowledge.uky.edu/world\\_yosa\\_semple/](http://uknowledge.uky.edu/world_yosa_semple/)
- **Two exhibits featuring books from UK Libraries** were mounted in the Atrium of Young Library. The books displayed during the fall semester was collectively called *South Asia's Heritage*, and featured books on the different Passport countries. The Spring semester exhibit featured the scholarship of Dr. P.P. Karan and was entitled *Sixty Years of Scholarship*.

Both exhibits were curated by Brad Allard, Reference Intern, and libguides were created for each exhibit.

- Two Powerpoint exhibits were developed for the hub based on the UK Libraries postcard collections. *British India* featured cards from turn of the century India and *Gandhi's India* featured cards from the time of Gandhi's peaceful revolution.

### **Other Activities**

- The Cinema of South Asia: Once again the library hosted a festival of films from the Passport Region. The offerings this year were scaled back to 5 films and offered during the day. Once again, Audio/Visual Services partnered with the South Asia Steering Committee to provide the films. A Libguide was developed by Mary Pattengill of the Working Group for the series and can be found at <http://libguides.uky.edu/yosa/cinema>
- UK Libraries celebrated [International Education Week](#) with a South Asian "Jeopardy" contest. The contest was both online and in print to allow the contestants to choose how they wanted to participate. The contest included 10 questions on the countries featured in "Year of South Asia" and the entrant successfully completing the form received a gift card.
- Members of the International Working Group participated in the International Student Orientation with a table and information about UK Libraries.

### **Libguides**

Members of the International Working Group developed a number of libguides in support of our exhibits. They are listed below.

Year of South Asia ([libguides.uky.edu/](http://libguides.uky.edu/)) created by Brad Allard

South Asia: A selection of Books in UK Library by Brad Allard

Sixty Years of Scholarship by Brad Allard

Life and Career of Ellen Churchill Semple by Toni Greider

Year of South Asia Business and Economics ([libguides.uky.edu/yosa/yosa-business](http://libguides.uky.edu/yosa/yosa-business)) by Peter Hesseldenz

Cinema of South Asia by Mary Pattengill

**Virtual Exhibits**

All exhibits are preserved as virtual exhibits. A guide to the virtual exhibit for the Year of South Asia can be found at [libguides.uky.edu/yosa/exhibits](http://libguides.uky.edu/yosa/exhibits)

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