



# *Cities, Courts, and Saints: Muslim Cultures of South Asia*

*A conference jointly presented by  
SARII and Asian Studies (SMU)*

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**McCord Auditorium, Dallas Hall, Southern Methodist University**

Since the arrival of Islam in South Asia, Muslim communities thrived in cities, giving them a unique shape with new forms of courtly and spiritual life. This one-day conference brings together six leading specialists of Indo-Muslim history and culture. These scholars will present new perspectives on the way Muslim traditions contributed to forms of religious life, social etiquette, music, and art of the Indian subcontinent.

## ***Topics and Speakers:***

Bengal, Gujarat, and the Deccan:  
New Indo-Muslim Courts of the 14th-15th Centuries  
*Dr. Richard M. Eaton, University of Arizona*

Mughal Letters and Mughal Lives:  
A Brahman Munshi at Shah Jahan's Court  
*Dr. Rajiv Kinra, Northwestern University*

Sufism and Kingship in the Mughal Empire:  
From Babur (d. 1530) to Jahangir (d. 1627)  
*Dr. Azfar Moin, Southern Methodist University*

The Begum of Bhopal: A Muslim  
"Queen" Holds Court in Colonial India  
*Dr. Barbara D. Metcalf, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (emerita)*

From One Empire to Another:  
The City of Delhi, 1707-1858  
*Dr. Thomas Metcalf, University of California, Berkeley (emeritus)*

The Social History of Song Collections:  
Awadh, Delhi, and Hyderabad (circa 1800)  
*Dr. Katherine Schofield, King's College, London*

*Chaired by: Dr. Azfar Moin, Southern Methodist University*

For free registration, please email [muslimculture@sarii.org](mailto:muslimculture@sarii.org) with names of attendees and contact information by **September 15, 2012**.

Boxed lunch will be provided.

This conference is jointly organized by the South Asia Research and Information Institute, Dallas and the Asian Studies Program at Southern Methodist University.

For more information, including paper abstracts, parking information, and directions, please visit either [www.sarii.org](http://www.sarii.org) or [www.smu.edu/asianstudies](http://www.smu.edu/asianstudies).

