



University of Wisconsin-Madison
CENTER FOR SOUTH ASIA
A Title VI National Resource Center
203 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706
Telephone: 608/262-9224
Fax: 608/265-3062
E-mail: rweiss@southasia.wisc.edu

May 27, 2009

Dear India Fulbrighters,

Greetings from the Center for South Asia (CSA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We were requested to serve as the host of the pre-departure orientation (PDO) for the Summer 2009 Fulbright Seminar program to India, and we are honored to have been asked to serve in this capacity. You most likely have already been in communication with Dr. Girish Kaul, program officer, from the United States-India Educational Foundation in New Delhi the institutional host for your program in India. We are delighted to be partnering with the USEFI in their endeavors. We are looking forward to meeting you in Madison for the PDO on Sunday, June 28 - Wednesday, July 1, 2009. In addition to hosting the PDO, we look forward to working with you post-India on your curriculum development projects and offer our website as a home to post your projects.

I have conducted two Fulbright Group Projects Abroad to India in 2003 and 2005 with a group of teachers from Wisconsin. You can find information about those trips and the lesson plans that were created by those teachers at: <http://www.southasiaoutreach.wisc.edu/gpa.htm>. I am a huge fan of the Fulbright program and have seen firsthand what an impact this program has on the lives of teachers and their classrooms! I look forward to working with each of you over the course of the next few months.

A listserv has been set up and your e-mail addresses added--this will make it easier for us to correspond with each other. A message sent to [<india2009@lists.wisc.edu>](mailto:india2009@lists.wisc.edu) will go to all of the participants, as well as Fulbright staff in India (Dr. Girish Kaul) and Washington, D.C. (Carly Borgmeier), and to the Associate Director of CSA (Lalita du Perron). I've subscribed each of you at the e-mail address provided to me by the Fulbright office in D.C.; please let me know if you would prefer that I use a different address.

Program Fee

Each participant is required to contribute \$400 to help defray the costs of the orientation seminar. Payments are due June 12th; checks should be made payable to "The Center for South Asia" and sent to me at:

Rachel Weiss
Center for South Asia, UW-Madison
1155 Observatory Drive, 203 Ingraham Hall
Madison, WI 53706

If you would prefer to pay the program fee by credit card, please call me at (608) 262-9224 with your credit card information. If you cannot reach me when you call, please try our reception desk at (608) 262-4884. When I receive your fee, I will send you an acknowledgment and receipt.

Arrival and Lodging Information

You will be arriving to Madison on Sunday, June 28th at the Madison Truax Airport. There is a complimentary hotel shuttle to the Madison Concourse Hotel, where you will be staying. You will find a phone for the Concourse Hotel in the baggage claim area; upon arrival simply call the hotel to request the shuttle.

You will check into The Madison Concourse Hotel 1 W Dayton St. Madison, WI 53703 (800) 356-8293 <http://www.concoursehotel.com>. You will be sharing a double room with a fellow participant. If you have any problems upon check in, please contact me on my cell phone at (608) 772-5171.

PDO Schedule

The PDO will also be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel. The orientation session will begin with a reception at 5 pm on Sunday evening. All meals will be included in the program and will be eaten together. Please inform me as soon as possible if you have any food allergies or restrictions. The PDO will continue on Monday and Tuesday at 9 am and end after dinner around 8 pm. A complete schedule will be sent closer to the PDO date, and I will also post it on our website along with recommended readings. I will inform you when I add information to the site.

Required Reading

Next week I will be mailing you two books written by Kashmira Sheth, a Madison author, with whom we will spend an evening with discussing her books. The books are [Blue Jasmine](#) (young adult) and [Monsoon Afternoon](#) (picture book). Please reply to this email with the mailing address to which I should send the books.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,
Rachel