

**BBLP Spring News**

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News on BBLP's sponsoring of a lecture at the Radcliffe Institute, a Jeffersonian Dinner at Mather House, and BBLP's reach in the world.



## Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program

### Spring News

We are on the verge of sharing news of 2 Bhutto Fellows who will be in Cambridge as of June—stay tuned for our announcement.

### **BBLP AND THE RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE**



*Image credit: Jacques Coughlin, NPR*

NPR's insightful correspondent from Africa, Ofeibea Quist-Arcin, will be delivering the 2018 Rama Mehta Lecture at the Radcliffe Institute on the afternoon of Thursday, October 11. ClassACT supports the lecture series as it jibes with the mission of the BBLP; we are thrilled that the Radcliffe Institute was able to schedule it for the afternoon our HR '73 45th reunion begins. Benazir Bhutto gave this lecture in 1985. This series was established by John Kenneth and Catherine Galbraith, HR '73

classmate Peter Galbraith's parents, to bring outstanding leaders with deep understanding of gender-related challenges to Harvard to share their perspectives.

**Members of the Class of '73:** Please note that this lecture will take place on the afternoon our 45th reunion begins! A gift to the Radcliffe Institute Rama Mehta Lecture Fund qualifies as a donation to the College Fund in this, our Reunion year, and serves as an expression of support for ClassACT's Bhutto Leadership Program as well as endorsing speakers on the role of women in the developing world. Classmates will match gifts up to \$10,000. Details on how to do this found [here](#).

Bhutto Program Director **Marion Dry** attended a Radcliffe Institute conference, [Global Citizenship and Gender, Who Belongs?](#), one of whose panels was moderated by **E. J. Dionne** HR '73. She also shared news of our work with RI leadership and met David Gergen, Director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Kennedy School and another panel moderator.

## BBLP AND HARVARD

The BBLP and ClassACT recently received a grant from the Hunt Foundation, thanks to **Terry Hunt** HR '73. The Foundation was a supporter of our [2016 Assembly \*Leading in the Muslim World: What Would Benazir Do Today?\*](#), co-sponsored with Harvard's Weatherhead Center of International Affairs. The Center's Director, Ted Gilman, has invited us back to co-sponsor another symposium in Spring 2019. We are developing the topic for this symposium right now. Send ideas for topics to [us](#).

Farzana Yaqoob, former Eisenhower Fellow and Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Development in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan—one of the stars of that Assembly—shared a meal with Director Dry and remains committed to the Program.



*Farzana Yaqoob  
December 2016 BBLP Assembly  
Lauren McLaughlin  
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*

A group of HR73 classmates and BBLP Associates met in a Jeffersonian Dinner format to talk about perceptions of Islam and how we might work to create better understanding. Read a [full account](#) of the dinner written by moderator and ClassACT Board member **Leigh Hafrey** HR73.



## BBLP AND THE WIDER WORLD



Director Dry also recently met with Afghanistan's Attorney General Mohammed Farid Hamidi, profiled in the Atlantic Monthly online [here](#). A former Mason Fellow at the Kennedy School, he has been working to reform the Attorney General's office and has emphasized increasing the role of women. Since Spring 2016 the percentage of women working there has grown from under 3% to over 21%, and will be increasing. A strong proponent of women's leadership in his agency and Afghani civil society, AG Hamidi will recruit qualified women

to apply for the BBLP Fellowship. His commitment is evidence that BBLP is inspiring those on the ground and giving them hope for support for the work they are doing to create positive change in their countries.

In February ClassACT supported a memorial tribute at the Kennedy School to the great Pakistani [human rights leader](#), Asma Jahangir. **Rick Brotman** HR '73 made videos of the many tributes which can be seen on the ClassACT [website](#) and which he shared with the leaders of the event, who in turn shared them internationally.

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