Significance of this presentation on Pakistan Studies:

As I detailed, an important aspect of AIPS is to help promote and disseminate knowledge about the role of regions that form Pakistan in the larger history of South Asia. Unfortunately, Partition has resulted in a fractured historical writing on colonial South Asia – where South Asian history predominantly focuses on the regions that now constitute contemporary India. The study of Islam in colonial north India has often centered on the regions known as NWP (now Uttar Pradesh), and institutions such as Aligarh and Deoband. However, I argue in my work that after the destruction of Delhi in 1857, Lahore became an important center for Muslim intellectual activity in addition to Aligarh, and one of the main organizations was the Anjuman-e Punjab (an organization that fostered many later Muslim anjumans). Indeed, the role of Lahore in the development of Muslim identity in nineteenth century South Asia is vital to understanding twentieth century developments in the region.

3-4 "Key Outcomes" from my presentation:
There are several ‘key outcomes’ from my presentation, including,
1 - confirming my initial evaluation of G.W. Leitner as an important and unique Orientalist scholar based in Lahore through my presentation and feedback,
2 - helping me to further conceptualize the relationship between Leitner’s experiences in Europe to reform in Lahore through my presentation and feedback – an important aspect of this presentation,
3 - helping me to advance my research about Lahore as a site for cultural, literary and religious reform by further considering methodologies to evaluate Muslim reform in nineteenth century Lahore through my presentation and feedback, and,
4 - discussing my project about Lahore further with audience members after the presentation – and comparing it to earlier reform in the region.

3-4 “Deliverables” from my presentation:
There are several ‘key deliverables’ from my presentation, including,
1 - I presented my paper at the AAS conference,
2 - I am using the feedback and questions from my presentation to revise my research about Lahore,
3 - I was asked to contribute an article about Lahore as a site for urbanity and reform in South Asia to an edited volume by Suchandra Ghosh (Calcutta), and
4 - I was asked if I could present a paper to the SUNY Buffalo Asian Studies Program.