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Cal Poly Professor Maliha Zulfacar Releases Award-Winning Documentary on DVD

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Recognized as "one of the most important films on the Middle East in recent years," by Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, "Kabul Transit" is now available on DVD from Bullfrog Films.

Co-produced and directed by Maliha Zulfacar, a professor of sociology at Cal Poly, "Kabul Transit" details the uncertain and often tragic lives of Afghans and Westerners trapped in Afghanistan's virtually forgotten war. The DVD features over 54 minutes of extra footage, as well as subtitles in English, Spanish, and Dari Persian.

Zulfacar, who was born and raised in Afghanistan, has been dedicated to improving her country's education system since the U.S. occupation began in 2001. In 2002, she began to divide her time between Cal Poly—where she teaches classes on gender, international immigration, and global ethnic conflict—and Kabul, where she instructs at the university. Zulfacar is the co-founder of the Kabul University Children Center, director of Cal Poly's Afghan Educational Outreach project, founder of the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, and liaison to Afghanistan's Ministry of Higher Education.

In 2006, Zulfacar was appointed as Afghanistan's ambassador to Germany and will likely return to Cal Poly for the Fall '09 quarter.

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