



## Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago

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# SSZ Lecture 2019

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**When:** Saturday, September 28, 2019 @ 1:30pm – 5:00pm CT

**Where:** Arbab Rustom Guiv Darbe Mehr  
8615 Meadowbrook Dr., Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Please RSVP to Pervin Taleyarkhan ([pervinrt@gmail.com](mailto:pervinrt@gmail.com)) by **September 20, 2019**.

[Live Streaming option also available](#) – please email Pervin for more details.

### Program

- **1:30pm – 1:45pm:** Benediction, Monajat, & Opening Remarks from Rohinton Rivetna
- **1:45pm – 2:30pm:** **Fireside Chat with Zoroastrianism students Pervin & Zal Taleyarkhan** on Persian art, Persian women, history, & observance of our customs in the modern times
- **2:30pm – 3:30pm:** **Presentation by Prof. Jamsheed Choksy (Indiana University)** on Persian Literature of the Parsees of India
- **3:30pm – 3:45pm:** *Coffee Break*
- **3:45 – 4:45pm:** **Presentation by Mr. Rhyne King (University of Chicago)** on the Loci of Power in the Achaemenid Persian Empire: *Beyond the City*
- **4:45 – 5:00pm:** Closing Remarks & Wrap-up

**Speaker Bios and Full Program available upon request and at [www.s-s-z.org](http://www.s-s-z.org).**

## Speaker Bios



**Jamsheed K. Choksy** (BA, Columbia University; PhD, Harvard University) is Distinguished Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. He is an authority on Iran (Persia), the Middle East, Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Islam, and of religious minorities in the Middle East and Central Asia. He was nominated by the US President and confirmed by the US Senate as a member of the Council overseeing the National Endowment for the Humanities. Choksy has held fellowships from the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), National Endowment for the Humanities (Washington, DC), Guggenheim Foundation, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford), American Philosophical Society, and American Academy of Religion. He has been a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar. Choksy is a consulting editor for the *Encyclopedia Iranica*. He is the author of *Triumph over Evil: Purity and Pollution in Zoroastrianism* (1989), *Conflict and Cooperation: Zoroastrian Subalterns and Muslim Elites in Medieval Iranian Society* (1997), and *Evil, Good, and Gender: Facets of the Feminine in Zoroastrian Religious History* (2002).



**Rhyme King** is a PhD candidate at the University of Chicago's Division of the Humanities - Near Eastern Language and Civilizations. Rhyme studies the political, social, and economic history of the Achaemenid Persian Empire (559-330 BCE). His dissertation is tentatively titled "Satrapal Households and the Governance of the Achaemenid Persian Empire," and, primarily using sources in Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian, and Elamite, the dissertation offers six case studies of the households of satraps (provincial governors) in the Achaemenid Empire in order to discern an imperial system of satrapal governance. Rhyme received his BA summa cum laude from Duke University, where he majored in both Classical Languages and Linguistics. In addition to his dissertation work, he has written and presented on the social and economic position of Lycia (southwestern Turkey) between Athens and the Achaemenid Empire, the phenomenon of de-urbanization in the Achaemenid Empire, and the social history of late antique Bactria (northern Afghanistan).



**Zal Taleyarkhan** is a Corporate Research Chef Culinologist with Charlie Baggs Culinary Innovations, Chicago, Illinois. He holds a Degree in Culinary Arts with a concentration in Food Science. Outside of work, Zal works at the Chicago Red Cross as a Disaster Relief Volunteer, an active member of the American Culinary Federation, a teacher for the Culinary Arts Program for Food Scientists, at the Illinois Institute of Technology, instructor for the Research Chef's Association, and a part-time editor/writer of Plate Magazine. He is actively involved with introducing nutrition to Chicago public schools through his company and mentoring high school students in nutrition and basic culinary skills in Lincoln Park. He volunteers at the Adler planetarium and has a great fondness for history. He is known to travel cross country exploring this beautiful country.



**Pervin Taleyarkhan** holds a BS in chemical engineering and a JD with a concentration in intellectual property ("IP") law. She is currently an in-house legal counsel with Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Outside of work, Pervin serves in leadership capacities on editorial boards of a number of publications of the American Bar Association ("ABA"), the largest professional organization for lawyers in the world. She serves as Vice-Chair of the ABA IP Law Section's Business & Trade Division and Vice-Chair of the ABA Intellectual Property Law Section's Corporate IP Attorney Committee and is active on the board of her regional Association of Corporate Counsel chapter in Southwest Michigan. She is also involved in her local community in Michigan, which includes mentoring high school students to excel in business and innovation challenges in a broad range of STEM disciplines.