

Dr. Scott, my Professor and Advisor in Kabul Univesity

An Excerpt from Dr. Charles Scott's Book, Remembering Afghanistan in a Time of Peace, as it pertains to my education and work in the US is worth quoting. Dr. Scott was my professor and advisor in Kabul University. He is now Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

“And, thanks to Entezar, I have just reconnected with Qasem Ghazanfar, learning that he has retired after thirty-three years of teaching at Essex County College in New Jersey, that he now lives on the West coast, and that he has turned his attention to the writing of poetry, both in Persian and in English. Of the various students who were enrolled in my classes at Kabul University, I thought that Ghazanfar would certainly be the one who might emerge as my “counterpart,” i.e., the one who would pursue shared interests in language and literature and eventually become the professor in this area at Kabul University. In fact, this seems to have been Ghazanfar's course of action in his teaching at Essex County College, the only surprise being that it took place there rather than in Kabul. Indeed, since those promising days of the late 1950s, it is surely the case that many of the Afghans who were being trained for significant roles in the educational system of Afghanistan have had their dreams thwarted in one way or another as the consequence of the endless turmoil that has plagued their homeland since the coup d'état of 1973.

Charles T. Scott. Remembering Afghanistan in a Time of Peace 1958-1960: A Recollection. p. 73.