College of Saint Mary has selected *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin as the 2009-2010 Common Reading.

Our corresponding theme for this reading is “**peace through the education of women.**”

In *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, Greg Mortenson, and journalist David Oliver Relin, recount the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan’s K2, the world’s second highest mountain, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. *Three Cups of Tea* is at once an unforgettable adventure and the inspiring true story of how one man really is changing the world—one school at a time.

> –www.threecupsoftea.com

Copies of *Three Cups of Tea* are available for purchase in the CSM Campus Store.

**Resources and Reviews:**

- [Official website for the book](#)
- [Central Asia Institute](#) – Greg Mortenson’s non-profit organization which educates girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- Learn about the “**Pennies for Peace**” campaign
Review from Christian Century
What are others saying about Three Cups of Tea? Read what people are saying on Amazon.com
Watch interview with David Mortenson from CBS Sunday Morning (aired January 2009)
"Three Cups of Tea Author Finds New Mountaints to Climb" - USA Today
“Mountaineer Builds Schools in Three Cups of Tea” – USA Today
Read articles about the book and Greg Mortenson’s humanitarian work
Watch and Listen - Television and radio interviews with Greg Mortenson
Interested in helping further Greg Mortenson’s work? Click here for ways you can help.
The Girl Effect

Discussion questions:
Reading guide and discussion questions from Viking
Author resources:

- [David Oliver Relin](#)
- [Current biographical information about Greg Mortenson](#)
  - [Greg Mortenson FAQ and interview from threecupsoftea.com](#)
  - [Official website of Greg Mortenson](#)

![Greg Mortenson with Khanday schoolchildren. Pakistan.](Image)

Photo: Central Asia Institute

A copy of **Three Cups of Tea** is available in the CSM Library under the call number 371.822 M842t 2006.

A sampling of books available in the CSM Library with themes related to the 2009-10 Common Reading:
Afghanistan: A Military History from Alexander the Great to the Fall of the Taliban – Stephen Tanner 958.1 T157
Afghanistan: A Modern History: Monarchy, Despotism or Democracy? The Problems of Governance in the Muslim Tradition – Angelo Rasanayagam 958.103 R183
Cultural Divides: Understanding and Overcoming Group Conflict – Deborah A. Prentice 305.8 C899
The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid – C.K. Prahalad 339.46 P884f 2005
Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil – Deborah Rodriguez 305.48 R618k 2007
Taking Women Seriously: Lessons and Legacies for Educating the Majority – Elizabeth M. Tidball 376.65 T438t
Trapped in the War on Terror – Ian Lustick 363.32 L976t 2006
Women and Revolution in Africa, Asia, and the New World – Mary Ann Tetreault 303.6 W8

NetLibrary titles (electronic books) which can be accessed via the online catalog:
Academic Pathfinders: Knowledge Creation and Feminist Scholarship – Patricia J. Gumport

Kashmiri refugees in school, Pakistan.
Photo: Central Asia Institute
Achieving Universal Primary Education by 2015: A Chance for Every Child – Barbara Bruns
Empowerment and Poverty Reduction: A Sourcebook - Deepa Narayan-Parker
Globalization and the Poor: Exploitation or Equalizer? - William Driscoll
Globalization, Growth, and Poverty: Building an Inclusive World Economy – Paul Collier
Higher Education in the Developing World: Changing Contexts and Institutional Responses – David W. Chapman
The Other War: Global Poverty and the Millennium Challenge Account - Lael Brainard
Perspectives on Growth and Poverty – Rolph van der Hoeven
Repression, Resistance, and Women in Afghanistan - Hafizullah Emadi
Rethinking Empowerment: Gender and Development in a Global/Local World – Jane L. Parpart
Women of the Afghan War – Deborah Ellis

If you wish to do more research on the common reading, please contact our reference librarian for assistance.

Girls study at an outdoor school in an Afghan refugee camp. Pakistan.

Photo: Central Asia Institute