

GURINDER SINGH MANN

Curriculum Vitae



- Address** 875 Boulevard East, #30, Weehawken, NJ 07086
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- Education** 1965-71 M.A., English, Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Punjab
1974-75 Diploma in English Studies, CIEFL, Hyderabad, India
1975-76 M.A., English, University of Kent at Canterbury, England
1984-87 Master of Theological Studies, Harvard University
1987-93 Ph.D., Religion, Columbia University
- Work History** 1971-84 Lecturer, English, Baring Union Christian College, Batala, Punjab
1988-99 Instructor (88-92), Assistant Professor (92-97), and Associate Professor (97-99),
Religion, Columbia University
99-2015 Kapany Professor of Sikh Studies, UC Santa Barbara
2004-15 Founder Director, Center for Sikh and Punjab Studies, UC Santa Barbara
2016- Founder Director, Global Institute for Sikh Studies, New York, NY
- Publications** 1996 *The Goindval Pothis*. Cambridge: Harvard Oriental Seri. 51. Reviews [1](#) & [2](#)
2001 *The Making of Sikh Scripture*. New York: Oxford University Press; New Delhi:
OUP, 2001 (hardbound), 2003, 2006, 2009 (paperback). Reviews [1](#) & [2](#)
2004 *Sikhism*. Prentice Hall: 2007 (Japanese & Spanish editions). Review [1](#)
- Co-author** 2001 With P. D. Numrich and R. B. Williams, *Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs in America*.
New York: Oxford University Press. Reviews [1](#), [2](#) & [3](#)
2011 With Gurdit Singh, Ami P. Shah, Gibb Schreffler, *Introduction to Punjabi* (Patiala: P.U.)
Reviews [1](#) & [2](#)
- Editor** 1993 With J. S. Hawley, *Studying the Sikhs: Issues for North America*. SUNY. Reviews [1](#), [2](#) & [3](#)
2006 *20th-Century Punjabi Litt.*, a special issue of the *Journal of Punjab Studies* [13:1-2](#)

- 2008 *Guru Gobind Singh*, a special issue of the *Journal of Punjab Studies* 15:1-2
- 2010 *W. H. McLeod*, a special issue of the *Journal of Punjab Studies* [17:1](#)
- 2017 With Kristina Myrvold et al. *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill. Review [1](#)

Selected Articles

Early Panth

- "Baba Nanak and the 'Bhagati Movement'." *Journal of Sikh and Punjab Studies* 25:2, 2018, pp. [165-179](#)
- "Baba Nanak and the Founding of the Sikh Panth." *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2017, pp. [3-17](#)
- "Guru Nanak's Life and Legacy: An Appraisal." *Punjab Reconsidered: History, Culture, and Practice*, edited by A. Malhotra and F. Mir. New Delhi: OUP, 2012, pp. [116-160](#)
- "Sources for the Study of Guru Gobind Singh's Life and Times." *Journal of Punjab Studies* 15:1-2, 2008, pp. [229-284](#)

Guru Granth

- "Guru Granth." *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2017, pp. [129-137](#)
- "Scripture and the Nature of Authority: The Case of the Guru Granth." *In Signifying on Scriptures*, edited by V. Wimbush. Rutgers University Press, 2007, pp. 41-54
- "Canon Formation in the Sikh Tradition." *Sikh Religion, Culture and Ethnicity*, edited by C. Shackle et al. London: Curzon Press, 2001, pp. 10-24

Literature

- "Sakhis of the Founder." *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2017, pp. 173-182
- "The Anandpur Bir: A Manuscript from the Court of Guru Gobind Singh." (In progress)
- "Facsimiles of Core Compositions in the Anandpur Bir." *Journal of Punjab Studies* 15:1-2, 2008, pp. [285-311](#)
- "*Sri Gur Panth Prakash*: Its Text, Context and Significance." *Journal of Sikh and Punjab Studies* 23:1-2, 2016, pp. [15-56](#)

Society

- "Diversity within the Early Panth (1500-1700)." *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2017, pp. [326-333](#)
- "Conversion to Sikhism." *Oxford Handbook on Religious Conversion*, edited by L. Rambo and C. Farhadian. New York: OUP, 2013, pp. 488-507
- "Making Home Abroad: Sikhs in the United States." *Nation of Religions*, edited by Steven Prothero. Durham: University of North Carolina Press, 2006, pp. 160-177
- "Sikhism in the United States of America." *The South Asian Religious Diaspora*, edited by Harold Coward et al. Albany: SUNY, pp. 259-276
- "Pilgrimage to Darbar Sahib, Amritsar: A Photo Essay." <http://giss.org/pdf/pilgrimage.pdf>, 2016

General

- "The Sikh Panth." *Religions in the Modern World: Traditions and Transformations*, edited by Linda Wood et al. London: Routledge, 2016, pp. [113-141](#)
- With Ami P. Shah, "Sikhism." *The Norton Anthology of World Religions*. <http://wnorton.com/college/religion/nawr/sikhism.aspx> (2016)

"Five Hundred Years of the Sikh Educational Heritage." *Five Centuries of Sikh Tradition*,
edited by R. Grewal and S. Pall. New Delhi: Manohar, 2005, pp. 335-368

"Teaching of Punjabi in the United States: Present Situation and Future Prospects."
Journal of Punjab Studies 14:2, 2007, pp. 281-294

"Punjabi Proverbs." *The Columbia World of Quotations*, edited by R. Andrews et al.
New York: Columbia University Press, 1996

With J. S. Hawley, "Mirabai at the Court of Guru Gobind Singh." *Culture and Circulation*,
edited by A. Busch and T. de Bruijn. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2014, pp. 107-138

With J. S. Hawley, "Mirabai in the *Pothi Prem Ambodh*." *Journal of Punjab Studies* 15:1-2,
2008, pp. 199-226

Reviewed 2010- **Twenty-eight book manuscripts** under consideration for publication by presses
including Cambridge, Columbia, Harvard, and Oxford (JSG)

Teaching At UC Santa Barbara (1999-2015)

RS 20 "Indian Civilization" (Winter 2014: 120 students)

RS 60A-F "Punjabi" (Spring 2014: 28 students)

GS 104 "Global Diaspora and Cultural Change" (Winter 2014: 154 students)

RS 162C "Sikhism" (Fall 2013: 287 students)

RS 213A-E Five graduate seminars on the Sikhs and the region of Punjab

2011 Awarded "Outstanding Faculty" by Residence Hall Association (May 6)

2013 & 2014 Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award by UCSB Students

<http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=597238>

At Columbia University (2015-2016)

G 8515 "Bhakti Texts of North India" (With Prof. J.S. Hawley, Fall 2015)

G 9902 "Readings in Baba Farid" (Spring 2016)

1999- Associated with **19 doctoral dissertations** in supervisory/examiner capacity
(CU, Bathinda: 2; CU, NYC: 3; GNDU: 4; Lund: 1; Otego: 1; UCLA: 1; UCSB: 7)

1999- **111 invited lectures at 67 academic institutions:** AAR; Ancapa School, Santa Barbara; American Society for the Study of Religion; Asia Society, NYC; Asian Art Museum, SF; Bard College, NY; Barnard College; Bergen County Community College, Paramus; Boston University; Cal. Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks; California State University, Northridge; Carthage College, Kenosha; City College, Chicago; Claremont Graduate University; Claremont Lincoln University; Columbia University; Coventry University; Elizabethtown College, PA; Dasmesh Academy, Abbotsford; Harvard University; Hofstra University; Human Rights Commission, Montreal; Institute of Languages, Singapore; Library of Congress, Washington DC; London University; Lund University; Lutheran Marymount University, LA; Museum of Art, San Diego; National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC; Pioneers' Museum, Imperial Valley, CA; Punjab Research Group, Oxford University; Rutgers University; Simon Fraser University, Vancouver; Stanford University; State University of New York, Binghamton; Syracuse University; UC Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Barbara, & Santa Cruz; University of Florida, Gainesville; University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of Ohio, Athens; University of Toronto; University of Wisconsin, Madison & Milwaukee; Valparaiso University; Yale Uni.
In the Punjab area: Baring College, Batala; Central University, Bathinda; Delhi University; GNDU, Amritsar; Gurmat College, Patiala; Indian History Congress, Patiala; IIT, Ropar; Institute of Sikh Studies, Chandigarh; Khalsa College, Amritsar; Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar; National Institute of Punjab Studies, New Delhi; Panjab University, Chandigarh; Panjab Art Council, Chandigarh; Punjabi Academy, New Delhi; Punjabi University, Patiala.

1997-2009 Directed a six-week intensive **Summer Program in Punjab Studies held in Chandigarh**. Activities included the teaching of Punjabi; lectures by scholars in history, art, and culture; meetings with artists, religious heads, and community workers; and weekend field trips to sites in the Punjab plains and hills. During its operation, 182 scholars from 71 universities in 10 countries participated.

Conferences Organized

At Columbia University

March 25, 1989 "Sikh Studies: The American Agenda"
 March 31, 1990 "Sikh Theology"
 April 3, 1993 "Sikh Diaspora"
 April 30, 1994 "Post-1947 Punjabi Literature"
 March 18, 1995 "Parvasi Punjabi Sahitt"
 April 1, 1995 "Agriculture of the Punjab"

At UC Santa Barbara

November 7, 1998 "Sikh Studies: Toward the American Agenda"
 December 4-5, 1999 "Guru Gobind Singh: Life and Legacy"
 May 12, 2000 "Canon Formation in the Sikh Tradition"
 April 21-22, 2001 "The Sikh Diaspora"
 May 4, 2004 "Debates in Sikh Studies"
 May 29, 2004 "Punjabi Culture"
 December 2, 2005 "South Asian Studies in the United States"
 November 14-15, 2009 "Expanding Horizons: Sikh Studies around 2000"
 May 16-17, 2014 "Sikh Studies in the 21st Century"

Co-sponsored Events

December 13-15, 2003 "Sikh Studies," University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
 March 19, 2005 "Workshop on Sikh Studies," Lund University, Lund, Sweden
 March 19-21, 2009 "State of Sikh Studies since 1947," GNDU, Amritsar, Punjab
 March 15-16, 2010 "Sanghol and Punjab Archeology," JNU, New Delhi, India
 November 17, 2011 "Textuality, Religious Difference, Embodied Practices, and a Bit of Bhakti: A Day ('s Very) Long Symposium in Honor of Prof. John S. Hawley Convened by His Students," at UC Santa Barbara

Service to the Field

1988- Member American Academy of Religion
 1991- Collected 50+ portraits by Sikh painters belonging to Amritsar School of Art (1900-1950)
 1991- Photographed over 250 pre-1800 Gurmukhi manuscripts
 1991- Advisor, Pluralism Project, Harvard University
 2003 Keynote address at the first fundraiser for Chair in Sikhs studies at UC Riverside (June 11)
 2004-15 Principal applicant for Title VI grant (\$286,000) to develop materials to teach Punjabi online
 2004-15 Raised \$250,000+ to help fund the Sikh studies activities at UCSB
 2007-10 Served on a three-member committee responsible for organizing Ahluwalia Memorial Lectures, Center for South Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
 2007- Advisor, Center for Advanced Research and Lang. Acquisition, University of Minnesota
 2008 Held a weekend workshop for 100+ teachers of Punjabi, Singapore School Board (December)

- 2009 "W. H. McLeod: An Obituary" appeared in several academic journals
- 2009 "The Sikhs of the Punjab," a three-hour workshop with the Immigration and Naturalization Service officials at San Francisco (September 16)
- 2009-11 Facilitated the gift of a manuscript collection in the custody of the Bansal family of Sangrur to Punjabi University, Patiala. This was the largest single gift of rare documents donated to any university library in the Punjab.
- 2010 Reviewed the appointment of the Aurora Chair in Sikh Studies at UC Santa Cruz
- 2011- Appointed advisor, Center for Guru Granth Studies, GNDU, Amritsar, Punjab
- 2013- Helped the Sikh Coalition, a New York-based Sikh advocacy group, in its effort to improve the accuracy of information about the Sikh community in school books in the U.S.
- 2014 Contributor, "The Pluralism Project," a NEH initiative based at CSU, Fresno (December)
- 2015 Member, Committee of UC scholars that prepared report for revisions required in the textbooks published by California Department of Education (Fall)
- 2016 Examined "Guru Nanak to New Zealand: Mobility in the Sikh Tradition," a doctoral thesis submitted in the Department of History, University of Otago, Dunedin (Spring)
- 2016 Examined "An Architectural Evolution of Sri Harimandar Sahib Amritsar," a doctoral thesis submitted in the department of Architecture, GNDU, Amritsar (Fall)
- 2016 Reviewed the candidacy for tenure of SHK Chair in Sikh Musicology, Department of Music, Hofstra University, Hempstead, Long Island (Fall)
- 2016 Manager, *Journal of Sikh and Punjab Studies*. Started by the Punjab Research Group, U.K. (1994-2003), it moved to UC Santa Barbara (2004-2015), and then to GISS, New York
- 2017 Presided over a discussion session on "Transmission of Sikh Scriptural Traditions" led by B.S. Dhillon of GNDU, Amritsar, at the National Institute of Punjab Studies, New Delhi (April 28)
- 2017 Participated in a seminar on "Language, Litt., and Gender," Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi (May 19)
- 2017 Delivered 16 lectures at various academic forums in Punjab and Delhi (Nov. 30-Dec. 27)
<http://bit.ly/2lhTkPs> <http://bit.ly/2H5hAxx>
- 2018 Panelist on Interfaith discussion, "Pursuing Faith in Challenging Times," Bergen County Community College, Paramus, NJ (February 19)
- 2018 Visited UC Merced to discuss the possibilities of developing Sikh studies program, (June 21)

Service to the Community

- 1992-95 Volunteer teacher for a two-hour seminar (Friday evenings) on Sikh history and religion for young Sikh adults at Richmond Hill Sikh temple, Queens, New York
- 1993 "Ethics and Values: A Sikh Perspective," Parliament of World Religions, Chicago (Aug 29)
- 1994 Provided declaration on Sikh beliefs in R.S. Cheema et al. represented by the ACLU, versus Livingston School District, CA (April 8)
- 1992 "The Sikh Community in the U.S." a question-and-answer session with the police officers working in Richmond Hill, Queens, New York (August 30)
- 1994-96 Participated in the activity of the Temple of Understanding, Saint John the Divine, New York
- 1997 Led a two-day workshop on "The Current Situation in the Punjab" for the employees of The Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Montreal (January 24-25)

- 1999 Deposed on the significance of the *kirpan* in the Sikh tradition, in a civil suit, Anand-Gurdas Singh vs. City of Oakland, Santa Barbara, (October 8)
- 1999 Helped Michel Foot, Santa Ana Police Commander, in mediating a conflict between the Sikh temple and the local community, (October 13)
- 1999 Founding member of the Board of Trustees of Sikh Temple, Ventura, CA (September)
- 2000 Helped prepare a special issue on the Sikhs of *Faces: People, Places, and Cultures* (NH: Cobblestone)
- 2002-04 External Reviewer, "Sikhs: Legacy of the Punjab," an exhibition held at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, from 2004 to 2007
- 2004-15 Co-editor, *Journal of Punjab Studies* (UCSB)
- 2010 Worked closely with Hardit Singh Aurora of San Antonio that eventually resulted in the establishment of the Aurora Chair in Sikh Studies at UC Santa Cruz.
- 2011 "The Sikh Community," an address to the Indo-Canadian Business Association, and people from the University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC (350+ people attended, April 12)
- 2011 "The Sikh Heritage," a lecture at Dashmesh School, Abbotsford, BC (April 12)
- 2012 "From Stockton to Oak Creek" (with Ami P. Shah), *Santa Barbara News-Press* (July 12)
- 2012 Interview with KPFFK, an NPR affiliate regarding the shooting at the Oak Creek Sikh Temple and Sikh attitude toward death and living in the United States (August 6)
- 2012 Keynote speaker (with B. N. Goswamy) at the release of *Sikh Heritage*, India International Center, New Delhi, presided over by Gursharan Kaur, wife of Prime Minister of India (December 24)
- 2012-14 External reviewer, Development of Punjabi language teaching materials under the auspices of Language Commission, Government of Singapore
- 2013 One of the two keynote speakers (with Surjit Patar) at the inauguration of D.S. Kalepani Museum, Chandigarh, presided over by P.S. Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab (Dec. 23)
- 2014 "The Sikhs of the Punjab," a lecture at Anacapa School, Santa Barbara, accompanied by a visit to the Sikh temple, Ventura (January 28)
- 2014 "Paul L. Love," in *Love in Madurai*, a publication of the American College, Madurai
- 2015 "J.S. Ahluwalia: From Petroleum Industry to Sikh Studies," San Jose (October 3)
- 2016 "The Khalsa Panth," *Souvenir*, Sikh Cultural Society, Richmond Hill, (April 23)
- 2016 "Guru Gobind Singh," at the International Sikh Conclave organized by the State govt. of Bihar, Patna, to commemorate the 350th birth anniversary of the Guru (September 22-24)
- 2017 "Narinder Singh Kapany," in *Sikh Art in the Kapany Collection*, Smithsonian Institution, pp. 27-35.
- 2017 "Remembering Baring College," at a dinner meeting, Press Club, Chandigarh (May 16).
- 2017 Participated in Daljit Mokha's posthumous release of his poetry book, *Jianuna*, Glen Oaks (July 8)
- 2017 Participated in two discussions on building database for early Sikh texts, and the effective ways to start Sikh Studies at University of California, Merced, Bay Area, CA (Sept. 7-8)
- 2018 Led a discussion attended by the leadership of the DGPC and Sikh Forum on envisioning the future of International Institute of Sikh Studies at Gurdvara Rakabganj, New Delhi (January 1)
- 2018 Participated in the "Annual Faith Leaders Breakfast," hosted by Chirlane McCray, the First Lady of New York City (April 11)

Acknowledgments

- 1992 Appointed assistant professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (unable to accept)

- 1995 Recognized for helping initiate Sikh studies at Columbia University, by G.S. Tohra, President, SGPC, Manji Sahib, Darbar Sahib, Amritsar (December 20)
- 1996 Recognized for service to Sikh education at Takhat Harimandir, Patna (December 15)
- 1998 Appointed to Dhaliwal Chair in Sikhism, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (unable to accept)
- 1999 Recognized for work in Sikh studies by Sikh Educational Foundation, Singapore (Jan. 14)
- 1999 Invited by Prince Charles to a reception organized to mark the inauguration of "The Arts of the Sikh Kingdom," V&A Museum, London (unable to attend)
- 1999 Awarded "Maharaj Puraskar" for the *Goindval Pothis* (HOS, 51) in a public function chaired by Piara Singh Padam of Kalagidhar Foundation, Patiala (October 10)
- 2000 Recognized for "dedication toward developing Sikh Studies at Columbia University" by Sikh Organization of New York at a function chaired by T. S. Bindra (May 17)
- 2003 Recognized for distinguished achievements and services to the community" by the Sikh Foundation, Palo Alto, at a function presided over by W. Brown, Mayor of San Francisco
- 2004 Approached to consider Saini Professorship in Sikhism, UC Riverside (declined)
- 2004 Recognized for "selfless service to humanity" by Sikh Dharma International and the Sikh community of California at the Vaisakhi function, Convention Center, LA (April 11)
- 2004 Certification of appreciation by the California Commission on Teacher Credentials
- 2006- Admitted to the American Society for the Study of Religion
- 2009 Invited to review the Sikh studies program at the AAR (unable to accept)
- 2009 Invited to attend a luncheon in honor of Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, hosted by Vice President Biden and Secretary Clinton (November 19 [unable to join])
- 2010 Invited to edit Handbook of Sikh Studies by Oxford University Press (unable to accept)
- 2011 Invited to prepare a selection of Sikh sacred writings for Murty Classical Series of India, Harvard University Press (unable to accept)
- 2012 Recognized for community service by Oak Creek gurdvara, Wisconsin, (November 1)
- 2013 Recognized for "creating and running the Summer Program in Punjab Studies for 13 years by Sikh Studies Program, University of California, Santa Cruz (March 29)
- 2016 Recognized for service to Sikh studies by Sri Guru Ravidas gurdvara, The Hague, (July 2)
- 2016 Recognized for service to the Sikh Panth by the gurdvara in Ventura, CA (November 6)
- 2017 Recognized for services to Sikh Studies, Guru Granth Studies Center, GNDU, Amritsar (May 5)
- 2017 Recognized for services to Sikh Studies, Layallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar (May 6)
- 2017 "A gift for generations to come." (May 28)
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/spectrum/a-gift-for-generations-to-come/413622.html>
- 2017 Recognized for work on Guru Gobind Singh at the Punjabi Academy, Delhi (December 9)
- 2017 Recognized for service to Sikh studies at *Nishan-i-Khalsa*, Khadur Sahib (December 16)

References

- Indu Banga, History, Panjab University, Chandigarh (known since 1967)
- Diana L. Eck, Religion, Harvard University (known since 1984)
- John S. Hawley, Religion, Barnard College, Columbia University (known since 1987)
- Mark Juergensmeyer, Global Studies, UC Santa Barbara (known since 1967)
- Rachel F. McDermott, Religion, Barnard College, Columbia University (known since 1984)