

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. [Report](#)
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](#)
2011 With Gurdit Singh, Ami P. Shah, Gibb Schreffler, *Introduction to Punjabi* (Patiala: P.U.)
Reviews [1](#), [2](#), [3](#) & [4](#)
- 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. [Article](#)
- "Canon Formation in the Sikh Tradition." *Sikh Religion, Culture and Ethnicity*, edited by C. Shackle et al. London: Curzon Press, 2001, pp. 10-24. [Article](#)

Literature

- "Sakhis of the Founder." *Brill's Encyclopedia of Sikhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2017, pp. 173-182. [Article](#)
- "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. [Article](#)
- "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. [Article](#)
- "Sikhism in the United States of America." *The South Asian Religious Diaspora*, edited by Harold Coward et al. Albany: SUNY, pp. 259-276. [Article](#)
- "Pilgrimage to Darbar Sahib, Amritsar: A Photo Essay." <http://giss.org/pdf/pilgrimage.pdf>

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. [Article](#)

"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. [Article](#)

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)

1999-2018 **136 invited lectures at 82 academic institutions:** Bard College, NY; Barnard College; Bergen County 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; Harvard University; Hofstra University; Institute of Languages, Singapore; London University; Lund University; Lutheran Marymount University, LA; 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 University. AAR; American Society for the Study of Religion; Asia Society, NYC; Asian Art Museum, SF; Human Rights Commission, Montreal; Library of Congress, Washington DC; Museum of Art, San Diego; National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC; Pioneers' Museum, Imperial Valley, CA; Punjab Research Group, U.K.; Ancapa School, Santa Barbara; Dashmesh Academy, Abbotsford.

In Punjab...: Ambedkar University, Delhi; Dept. of Punjabi, GTB College, & MS College, Delhi University; Baring College, Batala; Central University, Bathinda; GNDU, Amritsar; IIT, Ropar; Khalsa College, & Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar; Panjab University, Chandigarh; Punjabi University, Patiala; Academy of Punjabi, Guru Granth Vidya Kendar, International Center of Sikh Studies, National Institute of Punjab Studies, & BVSS Sadan, Delhi; Bhindran Taksal, Anandpur; Damdami Taksal, & Gurmat College, Talwandi Sabo; Hariarvelan Taksal, Hoshiarpur; Gurmat College, Patiala; Khalsa School, & Shahid Missionary College, Amritsar; GGS Study Circle, Ludhiana; Institute of Sikh Studies, Progressive Writers Association, & Punjab Art Council, Chandigarh; World Punjabi Center, Patiala, & Sikh Conclave, Patna.

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
November 23, 2018	"Politics of Sikh Identity: Past, Present & Prognosis," at GNDU, Amritsar

Service to the Field

- 1988-2018 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
- 2009-11 Facilitated the gift of a manuscript collection in the custody of the Bansals of Sangrur to Punjabi University, Patialaa. This was the largest single gift of this kind donated to a 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 Delhi and Punjab (Nov.30-Dec.27)
<http://bit.ly/2lhTkPs> <http://bit.ly/2H5hAxx>
- 2018 Visited UC Merced to discuss the possibilities of developing Sikh studies program, (June 21)
- 2018 Delivered 18 lectures at various academic forums in Delhi and Punjab (Nov.1-Dec.20)

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)
- 2009 "The Sikhs of the Punjab," a three-hour workshop with the Immigration and Naturalization Service officials at San Francisco (September 16)
- 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). [Article](#)
- 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 Panelist on Interfaith discussion, "Pursuing Faith in Challenging Times," Bergen County Community College, Paramus, NJ (February 19)
- 2018 Participated in the "Annual Faith Leaders Breakfast," hosted by Chirlane McCray, the First Lady of New York City (April 11)
- 2018 Participated in discussions on current crisis within Sikh leadership in Amritsar (November 7), Chandigarh (December 3), Ludhiana (December 10), and Delhi (December 20th)

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)
- 2018 Recognized for service to Sikh studies at Khalsa College (Nov. 26), Shahid Missionary College (Nov. 27), Taksal Satto vali Gali (Nov. 28), all in Amritsar, & GGS Study Circle, Ludhiana (Dec. 8)

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)