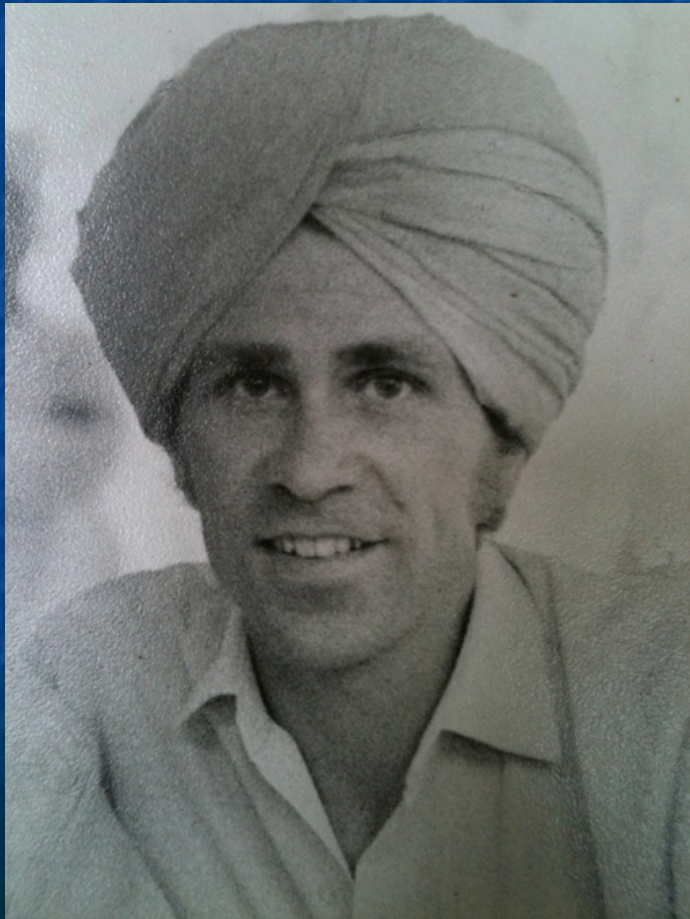
An aerial photograph of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) campus. The image shows the university's buildings, green spaces, and a large pond in the center. The campus is situated on a coastal area with a sandy beach and waves visible on the left. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

# Sikh Studies at UCSB (1999-2015)

A presentation made at Stanford University on  
March 28, 2015,  
By Gurinder Singh Mann



In the mid-1960s, Mark Juergensmeyer, a doctoral scholar from UC Berkeley (Pol. Science) arrived in the Punjab for his research



...and around the same time, Narinder Singh Kapany, with a Physics Ph.D. from Imperial College, London, in his bag, moved to the Bay Area.

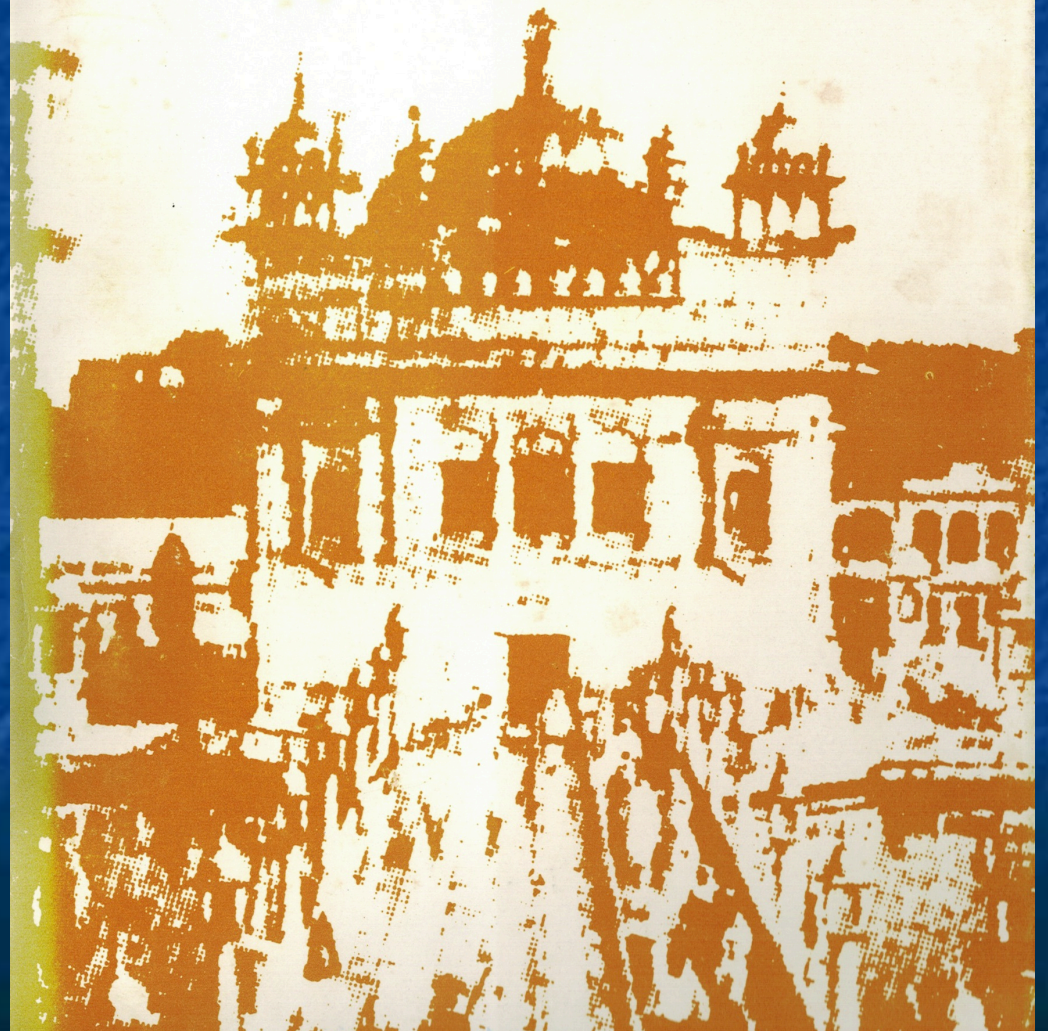


Beginning in the mid-1970s, Drs. Juergensmeyer and Kapany began to work together. Two key results of this collaboration included a course on Sikhism taught at UC Berkeley by W.H. McLeod; and a major conference held at Graduate Theological Union in 1976.

## **SIKH STUDIES**

**Comparative Perspectives  
on a Changing Tradition**

Edited by Mark Juergensmeyer  
and N. Gerald Barrier





With Prof. Juergensmeyer's move to UCSB in the 1990s, he conceived a Sikh Studies position and invited Dr. Kapany to support it



From 1999 to 2015, I had the privilege of making their vision a reality.



# My mission

- To offer a set of courses in Sikh studies
- To undertake research and publications
- And establish the Centre for Sikh and Punjab Studies (Spring 2004) -- first of its kind in the US.

[<http://www.global.ucsb.edu/punjab/>](http://www.global.ucsb.edu/punjab/)



## Teaching at UCSB:

1. Punjabi language
2. Sikhism
3. History of the Punjab
4. Global Diasporas







Punjabi, Winter 2014





Sikhism, Fall 2006<sub>8</sub>





Sikhism, Fall 2013





## Global Diasporas, Winter 2014



# Global Diasporas, Winter 2014, Visiting the Gurdwara in Ventura



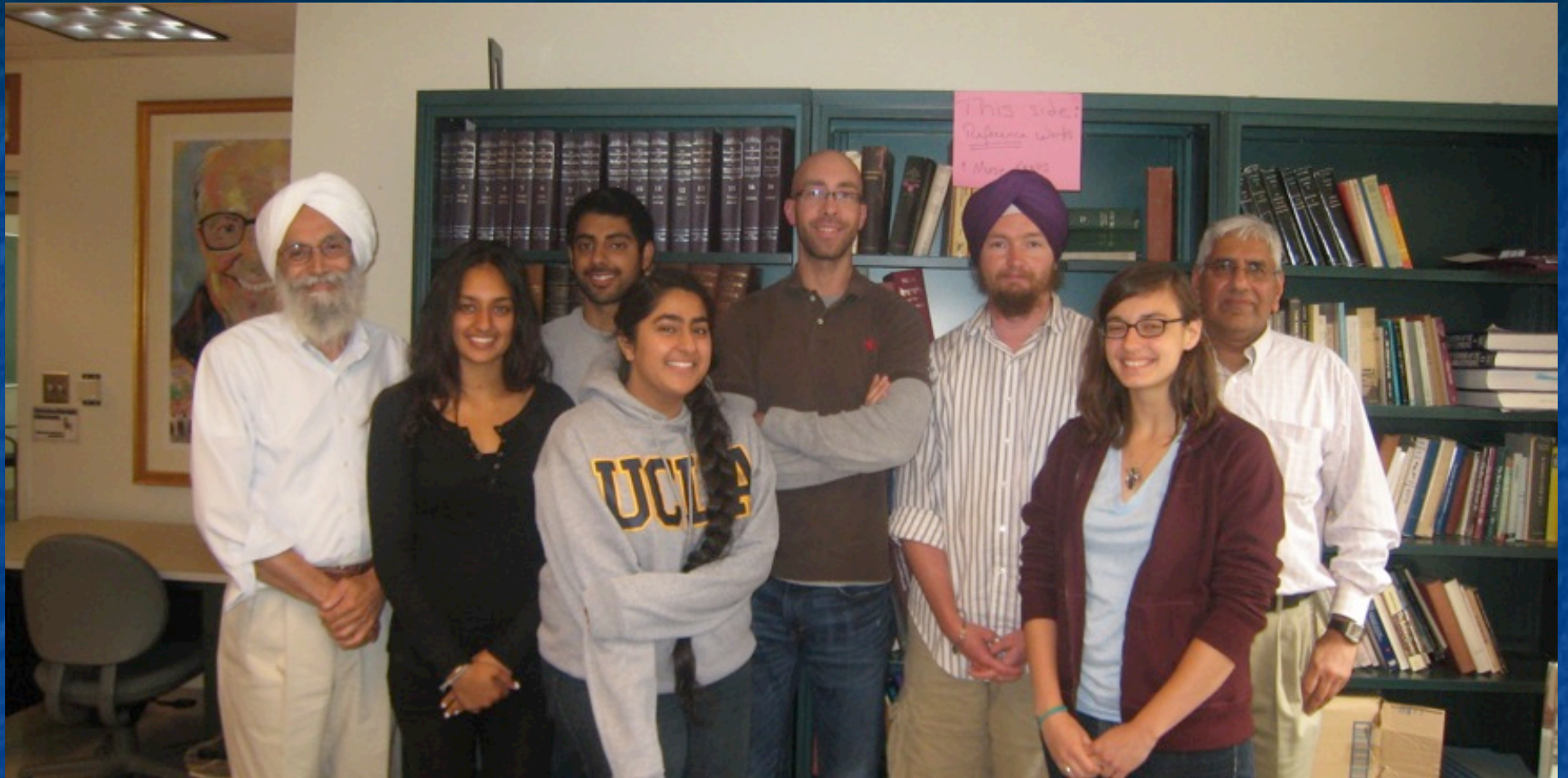
In 2013-2014,  
the number of undergraduates who took  
my courses passed 640





The Early Sikh Texts (Grad. Seminar), Spring 2011





Global Sikhism (Grad. Seminar) , Spring 2012



# PhD's completed during this period

	Year	Name	Area	University	Current Employment
1.	2002	Farina Mir	History	Columbia	Associate Prof., University of Michigan
2.	2004	Anna Bigelow	Religion	UCSB	Associate Prof., North Carolina University
3.	2007	Dan Michon	Archeology	UCSB	Associate Prof., Claremont McKenna College, CA
4.	2007	Kristina Myrvold	Religion	Lund	Associate Prof., Linnaeus University, Sweden
5.	2008	Megan Sijapati	Religion	UCSB	Associate Prof., Gettysburg College, PA
6.	2009	Rahuldeep S. Gill	Religion	UCSB	Associate Prof., California Lutheran University
7.	2010	Natasha Behl	Politics	UCLA	Assistant Prof., University of Arizona
8.	2010	Gibb Schreffler	Music	UCSB	Assistant Prof., Pomona College, CA
9.	2010	Ami Shah	Religion	UCSB	University Research Fellow, Rutgers University, NJ
10.	2013	Chloe Martinez	Religion	UCSB	CMC Research Fellow, Claremont McKenna College
11.	2015	Simran Jeet Singh	Religion	Columbia	Assistant Prof., Trinity University, San Antonio

Slide updated, January 2017



# I was also formally associated with the following doctoral/research projects:

Year	Name	University	Current Employment
1. 2004	S.S. Gogoani	Religion, GNDU, Amritsar	Librarian, Khalsa College
2. 2012	Karamjit Singh	Architecture, GNDU, Amritsar	Lecturer, GNDU
3. 2014	Sukh Singh	Religion, GNDU, Amritsar	Lecturer, GNDU
4. 2016	Harpreet Singh	History, U. of Otago, New Zealand	Civil service

The following visited UCSB seeking help for their research

2008-09	Jasreen Grewal, doctoral candidate at Panjab University, Chandigarh; focus on Sikh education
2009-10	Laura Hirvi, doctoral candidate at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland; research on the Sikhs of California
2012-13	Asma Qadri, Associate Professor, Punjab University, Lahore; work on Punjabi Sufi poetry as part of her post-doctoral research



## Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award, December 2013

Dear Gurinder,

We are pleased to notify you that you have been nominated for an Academic Senate *Distinguished Teaching Award*. A nomination is a distinct honor and recognizes that the quality of your teaching is viewed as exemplary. To continue with the next step of the award selection process, nominees are asked to submit a teaching packet for review. To do this, please go to the following website and log in using your *UCSBnetID* and *UCSBnetPassword*:

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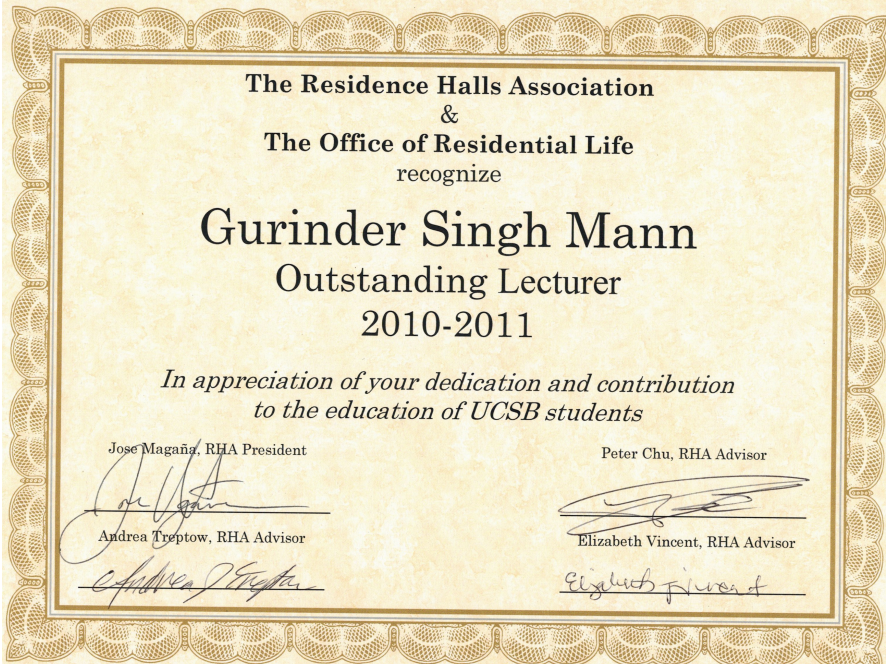
## Other tokens of appreciation and gratitude



A parting gift from a Columbia doctoral student in Sikh Studies, late August 1999



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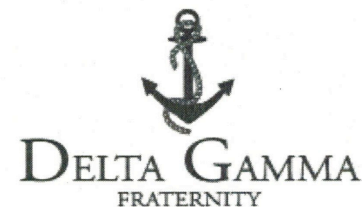


Dear Professor Gurinder Mann,

The women of Delta Gamma would like to cordially invite you to our scholarship dinner on Monday, May 6th, 2013. Delta Gamma women's fraternity extends this invitation to outstanding educators in order to honor their dedication to collegian success. The purpose of this dinner is also to recognize academic achievement within the fraternity. The scholarship dinner will take place at 5:00 pm at the Delta Gamma chapter house located at 6509 Picasso Road, Isla Vista, CA. The attire is business casual. Please let your Delta Gamma student host know if you are able to attend by Monday, April 29th and RSVP to [lindleydobbrow22@gmail.com](mailto:lindleydobbrow22@gmail.com). Your student host's contact information is also listed below. We look forward to your involvement in celebrating scholastic achievement.

Best wishes,  
The women of Delta Gamma

Student Host: Gaia Jacquet Matisse





# Other tokens of appreciation and gratitude

I received a number of notes from my students after the Oak Creek incident. One of them read as follows:

“I don't know how better to communicate the overwhelming horror and immediate tears that overtake me when I imagine little kids and their moms hiding in terror while members of their congregation and community die around them. I'm so sorry. I'm sorry that you've dedicated your life to teaching and that there is still so much hateful ignorance. I'm sorry that innocent people lost their lives. I'm sorry that you're the only Sikh I know, and that I feel like I need to apologize to you for our country's failings.”

My answer to this touching note was "no apology is necessary, we all must face it together!"

\*\*Please see: <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=597238>\*\*



# Summer Program in Punjab Studies (1997-2009)

Based in the Punjab, this six-week program served as a venue for scholars from North America and Europe to meet and exchange ideas with their Punjabi counterparts. The program included:

- classes in Punjabi at the elementary and intermediate levels
- lectures by experts in history, art, and culture
- field trips to major religious, historical and educational sites

**182 participants from 71 universities in 10 countries participated**

(USA, Canada, UK, Australia, , France, Germany, Italy, India, New Zealand, and Sweden)

# Summer Program in Punjab Studies (1997-2009)

Year	Number	Undergrads	Grads	Faculty
1997	9	1	6	2
1998	9	3	4	2
1999	11	4	4	3
2000	17	2	13	2
2001	16	10	6	0
2002	11	2	7	2
2003	16	4	8	4
2004	14	5	6	3
2005	20	8	9	3
2006	15	4	7	4
2007	15	3	7	5
2008	13	3	7	3
2009	16	5	7	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>37</b>



# Participants in the first Summer Program (1997)



# Summer Program from 1998 to 2006





# Summer Program 2007 to 2009





# Alumni of the Program in Teaching

## At Colleges and Universities:

1. J. Dobe Grinnell College, IA
2. T. Dobe Grinnell College, IA
3. W. Cullinan, Temple University
4. W. Glover University of Michigan
5. C. Elseberg North Virginia College
6. R. Johal Kwantlen P. University, BC
7. L. Lybarger Arkansas Tech University
8. K. Malhotra Punjabi University, Patiala
9. S. McMahan UC Berkeley
10. A. Murphy U. of British Columbia
11. S. Pue Michigan State University
12. S. Purewal West Point, New York
13. R. Rinehart Lafayette College, PA
14. D. Sangha U. of Northern British C.
15. C. Sawyer SUNY, Westbury
16. H. Sims SUNY, Albany
17. V. Soni U of Southern California
18. S. Soomekh Loyola Marymount, LA
19. V. Van Dyke University of Washington
20. P. Virdee De Montford University
21. J. Williams Principia College

## At primary, secondary and other institutions:

1. Jasbir Bains (Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School, Vancouver)
2. Preet Dutt (Princess Margaret Secondary School, Surrey, BC)
3. Kuldeep Grewal (Chandigarh Public School)
4. Balwinder Pooni (Surrey School Distt. BC)
5. Harjinder Sandhu (Principal, Strathcona Elementary School, Vancouver)
6. Jeevan Sandhu (Queen Elizabeth Elementary School, New Westminster, BC)
7. Harjinder Sangra, Walter Moberly Elementary School, Vancouver
8. A. Shah, Kent Place School, Summit, NJ
9. Fakhra Shah, Mission High School, SF
10. Ami Velchoff, P.S. 377, Brooklyn, NY,
11. Lisa Hari, Senior Advisor at Canadian Center for Diversity and Inclusion



I am indebted to Inder Mohan Singh of Chardi Kala, Bay Area, for financial support at the early stages of the Program's development



And I am grateful to Professor Nirvikar Singh, S. S. Aurora Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies, UC Santa Cruz, for his gracious acknowledgement of the contribution that the Program made to the field

# An online course for Elementary Punjabi

Our Center for Sikh and Punjab Studies was awarded a grant by the United States Federal Government under Title VI for undertaking a project entitled

*“Punjabi Course Materials: Face to Face and at a Distance.”*

In collaboration with the UC Consortium of Language Learning and Teaching and Instructional Development at UCSB, we developed instructional materials that have the potential for world-wide delivery via distance learning.



# Conferences

## At UCSB

1. December 4-5, 1999 "Guru Gobind Singh: Life and Legacy"
2. May 12, 2000 "Canon Formation in the Sikh Tradition"
3. April 21-22, 2001 "The Sikh Diaspora"
4. May 4, 2004 "Debates in Sikh Studies"
5. May 29, 2004 "Punjabi Culture"
6. December 2, 2005 "South Asian Studies in the United States"
7. Nov. 13-15, 2009 "Expanding Horizons: Sikh Studies Ahead,"  
(with Ami P. Shah)
8. May 16-17, 2014 "Sikh Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"  
(with Ami P. Shah)

## Co-Sponsored events

1. March 19, 2005 "Workshop on Sikh Studies" held at Lund University
2. March 19-21, 2009 "State of Sikh Studies Since 1947" held at GNDU
3. March 15-16, 2010 "Sanghol and Punjab Archeology" held at JNU
4. November 17, 2011 A Symposium in Honor of Prof. John S. Hawley  
Convened by his Students and held at UCSB

# **“Guru Gobind Singh: Life and Legacy,” December 4-5, 1999**





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“Sikh Diaspora,” April, 21-22, 2001



# With a group of scholars from the Punjab May 4, 2004



# “South Asian Studies,” December 12, 2005





**Raised funding to teach Jain studies at UCSB  
Ami. P. Shah taught a course in Spring 2003  
and Olle S. Qvarnstorm in Fall 2005**



**Shah also organized an outstanding event entitled  
“Perspectives on Jain Studies”**



# Conversation about Sikh art with B.N. Goswamy

## March 7, 2007





# “Expanding Horizons: Sikh Studies Ahead,” Nov. 13-15, 2009





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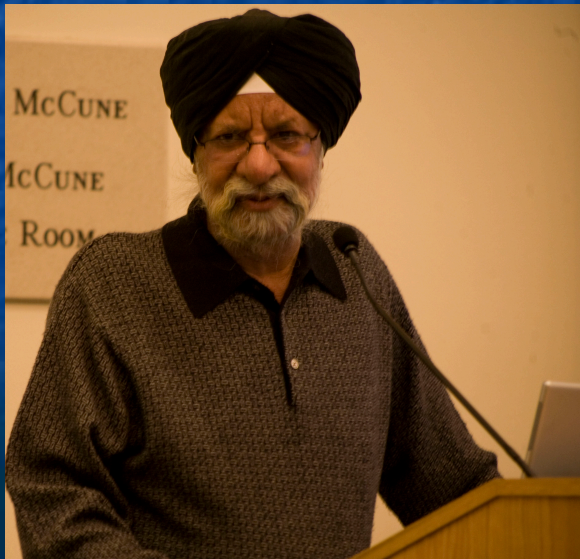
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# “Studying Religious Pluralism at UCSB” International scholars having a conversation about Sikhs in America (July 15, 2011)





# Chancellor Henry Yang inaugurating “Sikh Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” May 16-17, 2014





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# At West Campus Point





# **Some of the luminaries we hosted at UCSB included the following:**

## **South Asian Studies:**

A. Behl (U. Penn), E. Bryant (Rutgers), J. Brown (Oxford), D.L. Eck (Harvard), A.T. Embree (Columbia), J.S. Hawley (Columbia), B.D. Metcalf (Michigan), T.R. Metcalf (UCB), R.F. McDermott (Columbia), V. Narayanan (Florida), L.L. Patton (Middlebury), L.I. Rudolph (Chicago), S.H. Rudolph (Chicago), C. Smith (San Diego Museum), and S. Stronge (V&A Museum)

## **Sikh and Punjab Studies:**

I. Banga (GNDU), B.S. Dhillon (GNDU), T.S. Gill (GNDU), B.N. Goswamy (Panjab U.), J.S. Grewal (GNDU), H. Johnston (SFU, BC), N. Mansingh Chaudhary (Panjab U.), W.H. McLeod (Otago, NZ), C. Shackle (SOAS, London), Pritam Singh (GNDU)

## **Punjabi Poets and Artists:**

A. Chandan (London), Surjit Patar (Punjab), Ahmad Salim (West Punjab) Ajmer Rode (British Columbia), Gharib Das (Chandigarh [dholi]), Baldeep Singh (Punjab [Music]), Shivdev Singh (CA [Painting]), the Singh Twins (London [Painting])

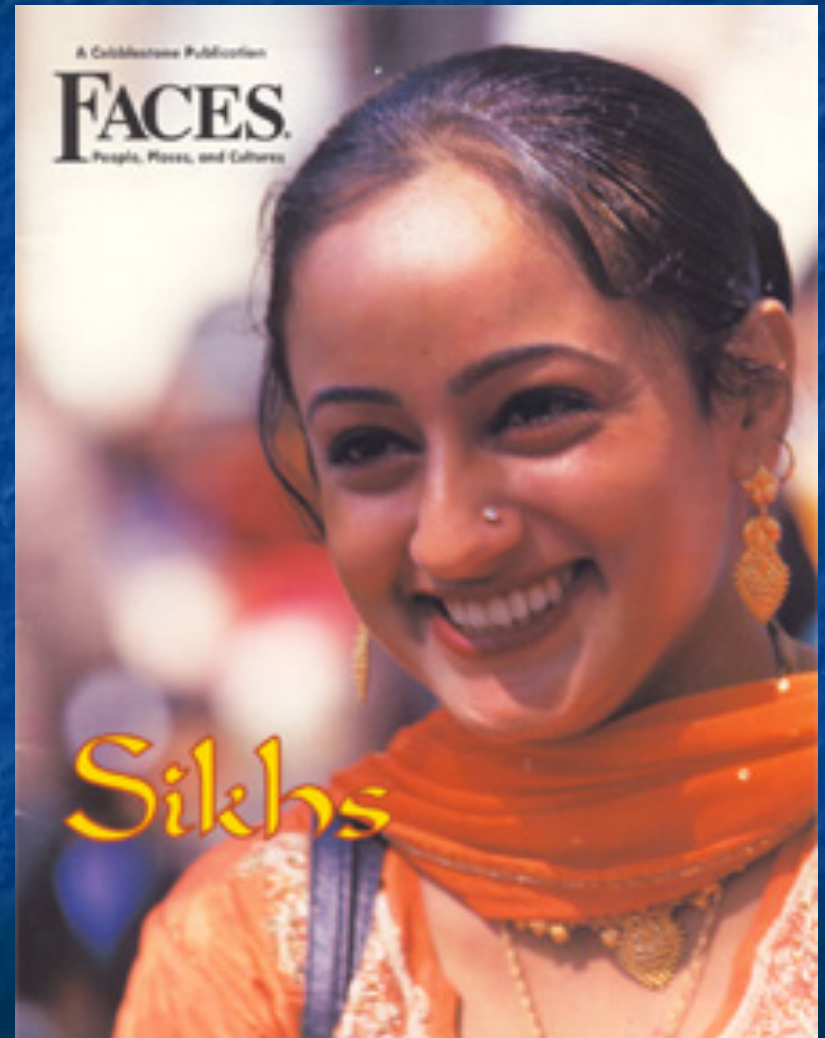
# During this period, I delivered 81 invited lectures at the following 50 institutions:

- AAR
- Barnard College
- Boston University
- California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks
- California State University, Northridge
- Carthage College, Kenosha
- Claremont Graduate University
- Claremont Lincoln University
- Columbia University
- Elizabethtown College, PA
- Harvard University
- Hofstra University
- Loyola Marymount University, LA
- Rutgers University
- Stanford University
- State University of New York, Binghamton
- Syracuse University
- UC Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Riverside, Santa Barbara, & Santa Cruz
- University of Florida, Gainesville
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- American University of Wisconsin, Madison, & Milwaukee
- Valparaiso University
- Yale University
- Society for the Study of Religion
- Asia Society, NYC
- Library of Congress, Washington DC
- Asian Art Museum, San Francisco
- Museum of Art, San Diego, CA
- National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC
- Pioneers' Museum, Imperial Valley, CA
- Human Rights Commission, Montreal
- Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
- University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford
- University of Toronto;
- Coventry University, UK
- Punjab Research Group, Oxford University
- SOAS, London University
- Lund University, Sweden
- Baring College, Batala, Punjab
- GNDU, Amritsar, Punjab
- Indian History Congress, annual meeting held at Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab
- Institute of Languages, Singapore

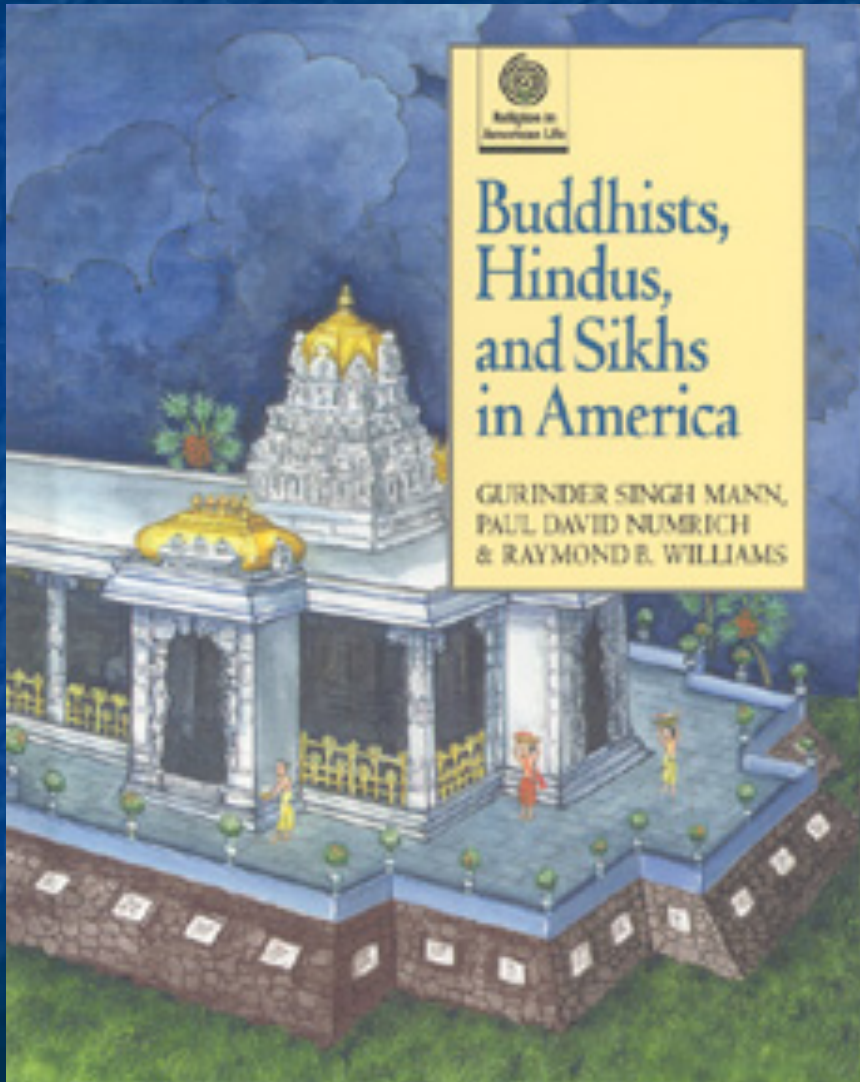


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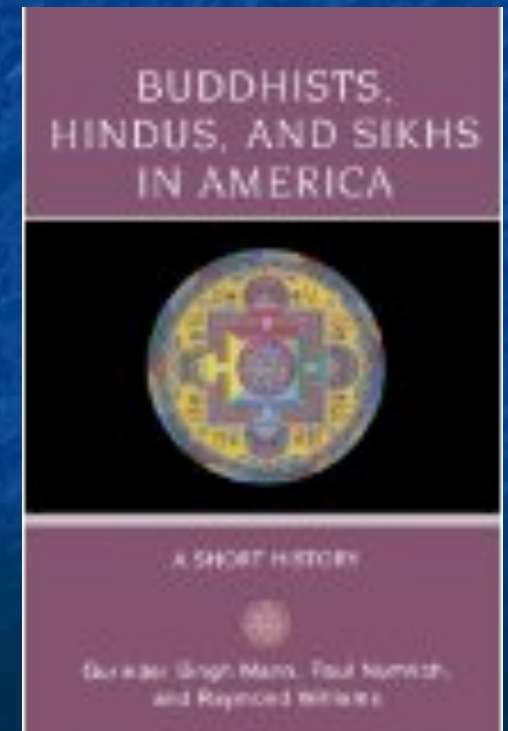
- A special issue of *Faces: People, Places, and Cultures* (Peterborough, New Haven, Cobbleston, 2000)



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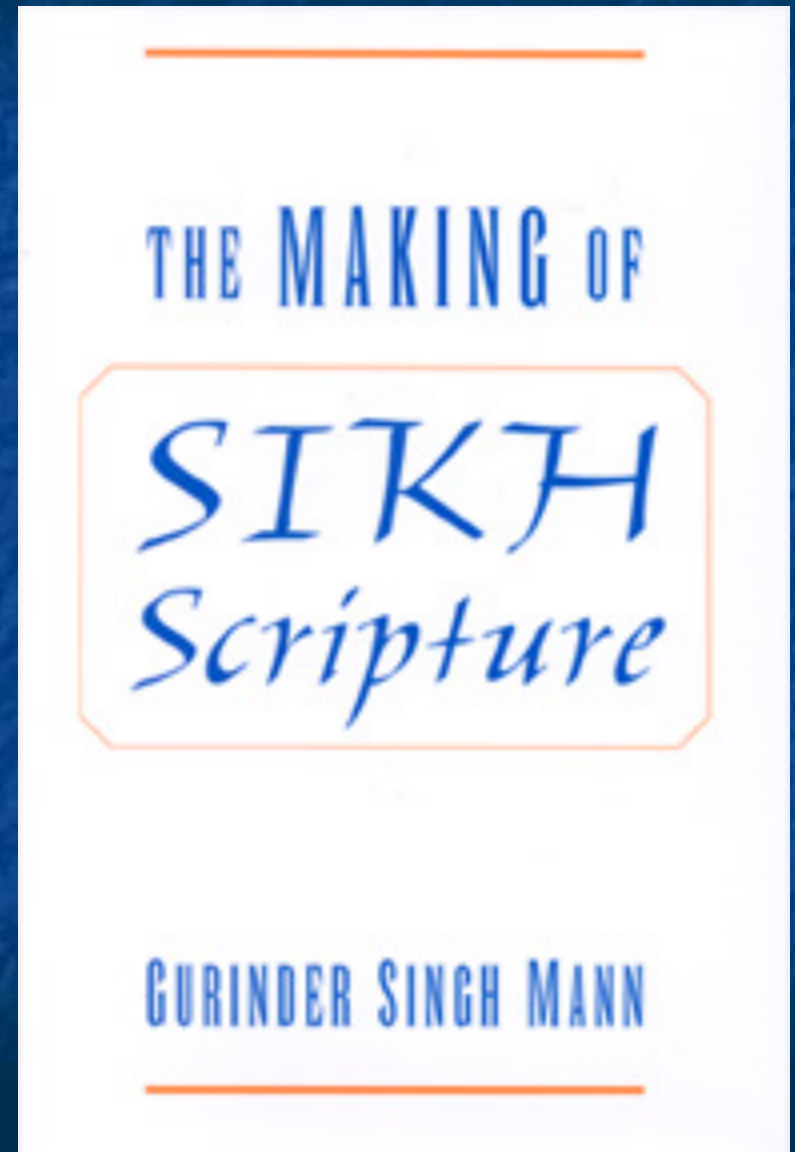
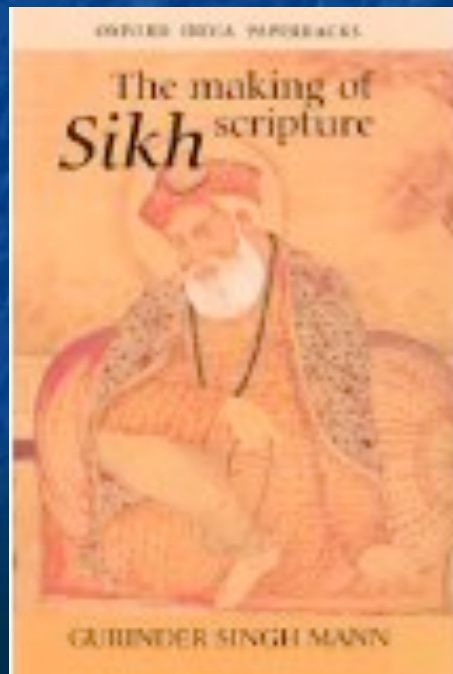
Written for High Schools and University Freshmen, *Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs in America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001; paperback 2007)





# Publications

- *The Making of Sikh Scripture* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001) & (Delhi: OUP, 2001 [hardbound], 2003 [paperback], 2006, 2009 [reprint] )

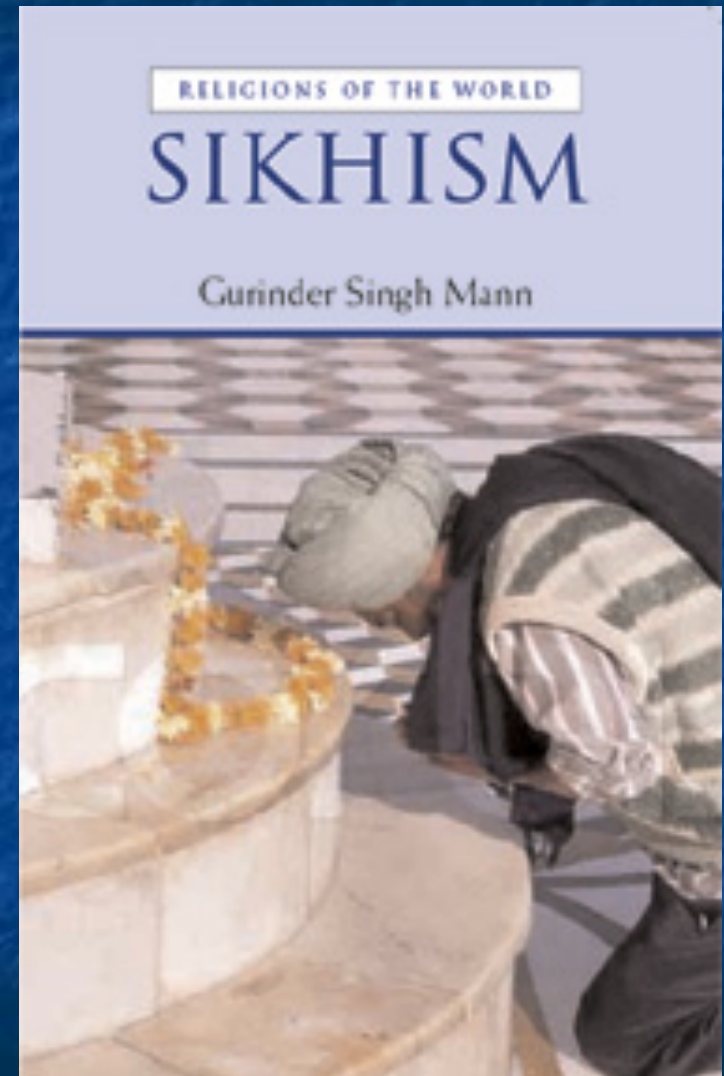
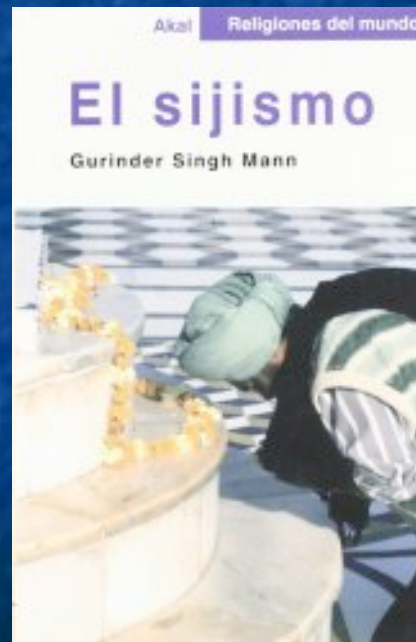


# Publications

## ● *Sikhism*

(Prentice Hall, 2004)

(Japanese and Spanish editions were released in 2007)

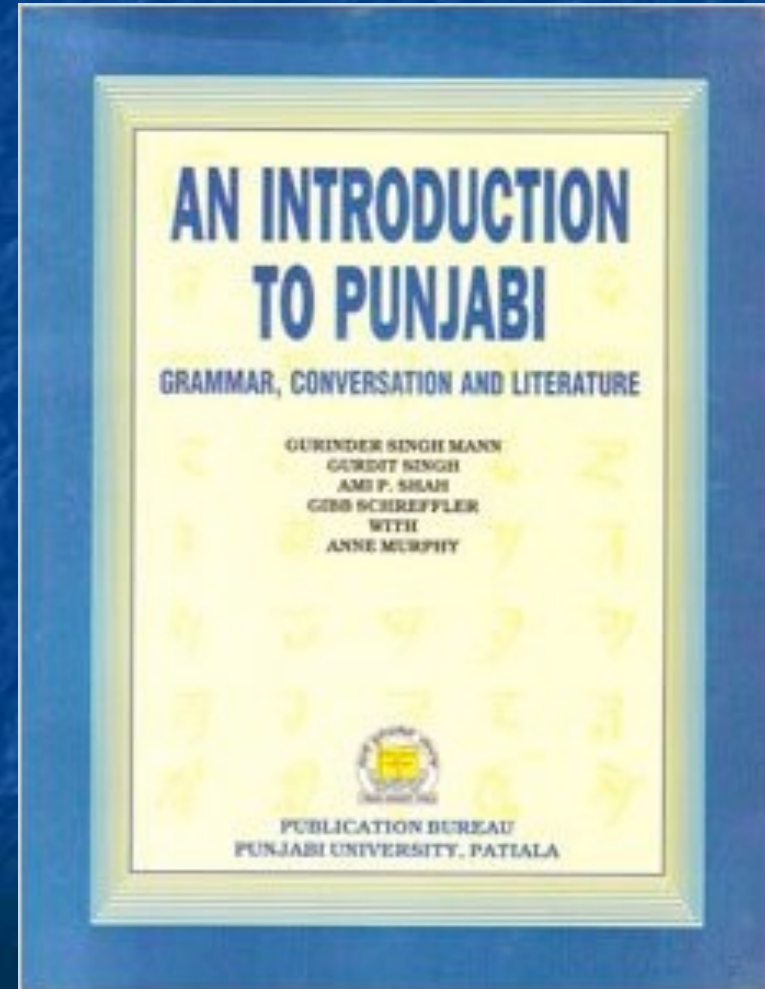




# Publications

## *An Introduction to Punjabi: Grammar, Conversation and Literature*

(Patiala: Punjabi University, 2011)



# Publications

Journal of Punjab Studies  
(moved to UCSB in 2004)

Some of its special issues include:

2004: Geography  
2004: Culture  
2005: Economy  
2006: Literature  
2008: Guru Gobind Singh  
2010: W.H. McLeod  
2011: Music & Musicians  
2013: Nineteenth Century





# Outreach

- 1991- Advisor, Pluralism Project, Harvard University
- 2001 Reviewer, teacher's credentials examination for Punjabi language in California
- 2006- Member, American Society of the Study of Religion
- 2008 External Reviewer, Sikh Heritage Project, Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara
- 2007-10 Member, Ahluwalia Grant Committee, Center for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2011- Advisor, Center for Guru Granth Studies, GNDU
- 2012 "From Stockton to Oak Creek" (with Ami P. Shah), *Santa Barbara News-Press*, July 12
- 2014 Advised on the creation of teaching materials for Punjabi in Singapore
- **2009-15** Reviewed 21 manuscripts under consideration for publication by presses including Cambridge; Columbia; Harvard; Oxford; Smithsonian Institute; SUNY

# THE SIKH HERITAGE GALLERY

An Exhibit at the Natural History Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.



Sandeep Singh Brar



Sandeep Singh Brar



Sandeep Singh Brar

Served as the  
external reviewer  
for Sikh Heritage  
exhibition at the  
Smithsonian  
Institute (2002-2007)



Sandeep Singh Brar



Sandeep Singh Brar





Worked with the local Sikh families to acquire the gurdwara building in Ventura and have served on its board of trustees since 2004.





Students of Ancapa School, Santa Barbara, at the gurdvara in Ventura


**I believe that our Summer Program in the Punjab, teaching, doctoral projects, conferences, workshops, and research activities at UCSB—along with community outreach—made a real impact in disseminating information about Sikhs and the Punjab to wide-ranging forums; furthermore, UCSB has become a major site for Sikh and Punjab studies.**



# Some expressions of the community's response over the years



At Manji Sahib,  
Darbar Sahib, 1995

*The City of New York*  POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10035  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
102 PRECINCT  
87-34 118 Street  
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

September 02, 1994

Chairman, Department of Religion  
Columbia University.  
624 Kent Hall  
New York, N.Y. 10027


Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Commanding Officer, 102 precinct, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of one of your staff members, Professor Gurinder Singh Mann. Professor Mann was contacted by the undersigned on August 23, 1994, and was asked if he was willing to come to the 102 precinct in Richmond Hill, Queens to address some of the Police Officers. Not only did Professor Mann enthusiastically agree to that request, but he did so in an expeditious manner.

On August 30, 1994 Professor Mann addressed the 4x12 tour at about 3:00 PM. His presentation concerning the Sikh Culture and about the day to day lifestyle of the Sikh community was not only informative, but it also answered many questions that has arisen since an incident which occurred within our precinct created much confusion as it relates to the Sikh community.

The 102 Precinct encompasses many ethnic and cultural communities within its boundaries, and is responsible to many peoples of different backgrounds. Although we have an increasing number of people of the Sikh faith living and working within the precinct, the actual number of dealings with members of the Sikh community has been very few. Since the end of July, 1994 (when a large dispute at the Sikh Cultural World Headquarters erupted) the members of the 102 Precinct have had many questions as to the customs and ceremonies involved with the Sikh religion. Mr. Mann's insight and wisdom, as presented to the officers was truly what was needed to sensitize potentially responding Police Officers to the needs of the Sikh community.

It is the intent of this letter to commend Professor Mann on his excellent presentation and to inform you of his superlative efforts.

Sincerely,  
  
Lawrence B. Dresner  
Training Sergeant



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No. ....①.....

Date ...9-07-1999.

From:-  
JAGRAMAN SINGH  
3134 MERRITT AVE.  
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO  
CANADA. L4T 1P3

To,  
DR. Gurinder S. MANN

Waheguruji ka khalsa, waheguru ji ki fatch. ~~Am~~ Servant of  
Guru Nanak Ji wants to discuss about Sikhism and  
the notes and books you wrote on Sikh history and  
Gurbani. You have wrote many wrong things  
on sikhism which is against the sikh faith and  
hurting the sikhs. So please correct your writings  
and apologize from Sikhs. If you don't correct  
these writings sikhs might take some serious  
steps.

SAT SRI Akal.



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ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸੰਤਾ ਸਿੰਘ 'ਅਕਾਲੀ'  
ਬੁਢਾ ਦਲ ਪੰਜਵਾਂ ਤਖਤ  
ਤੋਂ ੨੫/੧੯੭੩.



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ਤਲਵੰਡੀ ਸਾਬੋ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ  
03.07.2003

ਗੁਰਮੁਖ ਪਿਸ਼ਾਕੇ ਲੀਤਕਾਰਯੋਗ.

ਜ. ਬਾਬਾ ਤੁੰਦੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ,  
ਪਟਿਆਲਾ I

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'ਬੁਧਿ ਸੁ ਦੀਪਕ ਜਯੋ ਉਜੀਆਰੈ।'

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# Some expressions of the community's response over the years



## *Sikh Dharma*

*"O my soul, remain ever attached with God.  
O my soul, abide with God and all your pains will vanish.  
God will accept you and will manage all your affairs"*

*- Siri Guru Granth Sahib*

*Professor of Sikh Studies at the  
California University of Santa Barbara*

***Gurinder Singh Mann***

*On this Baisakhi Day, April 11th, 2004*

*"Carrying the Eternal Spirit of  
Dignity, Divinity, and Grace for Humankind",  
the Sikh Community honors and  
acknowledges you  
In your Divine Consciousness  
of Selfless Service  
to Humanity.*

*-Sikh Dharma, International*



*In honor of  
His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh  
Prime Minister of the Republic of India  
and Mrs. Gursharan Kaur*

*The Vice President and Dr. Biden  
and The Secretary of State  
request the pleasure of your company  
at a luncheon*

*on Tuesday, November 24, 2009  
at twelve forty-five o'clock*

*The Benjamin Franklin Room  
Department of State  
2201 E Street, NW*

*This invitation is non-transferable*



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And with sixteen years behind me, I am convinced  
that I have given all I could to the program.

It is time to make way  
for a fresh voice to be heard at this great temple of  
learning.

*Chalo khālsā jī sāde kūch dere  
asī ākharī fateh gajā challe  
pāo paṇī te rajj ke chhān māṇo  
asī dol ke ratt piā challe!*

I leave this paradise with a heavy heart, but with a  
sense of pride for what has been accomplished  
during my time here.



Holding the gems that came  
my way from the bounty of  
the Pacific during my  
morning walk on the last  
day.

I thanked the divine *sarovar*  
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its permission to move to  
the banks of the Hudson,  
and bid it an affectionate  
goodbye as I flew out of  
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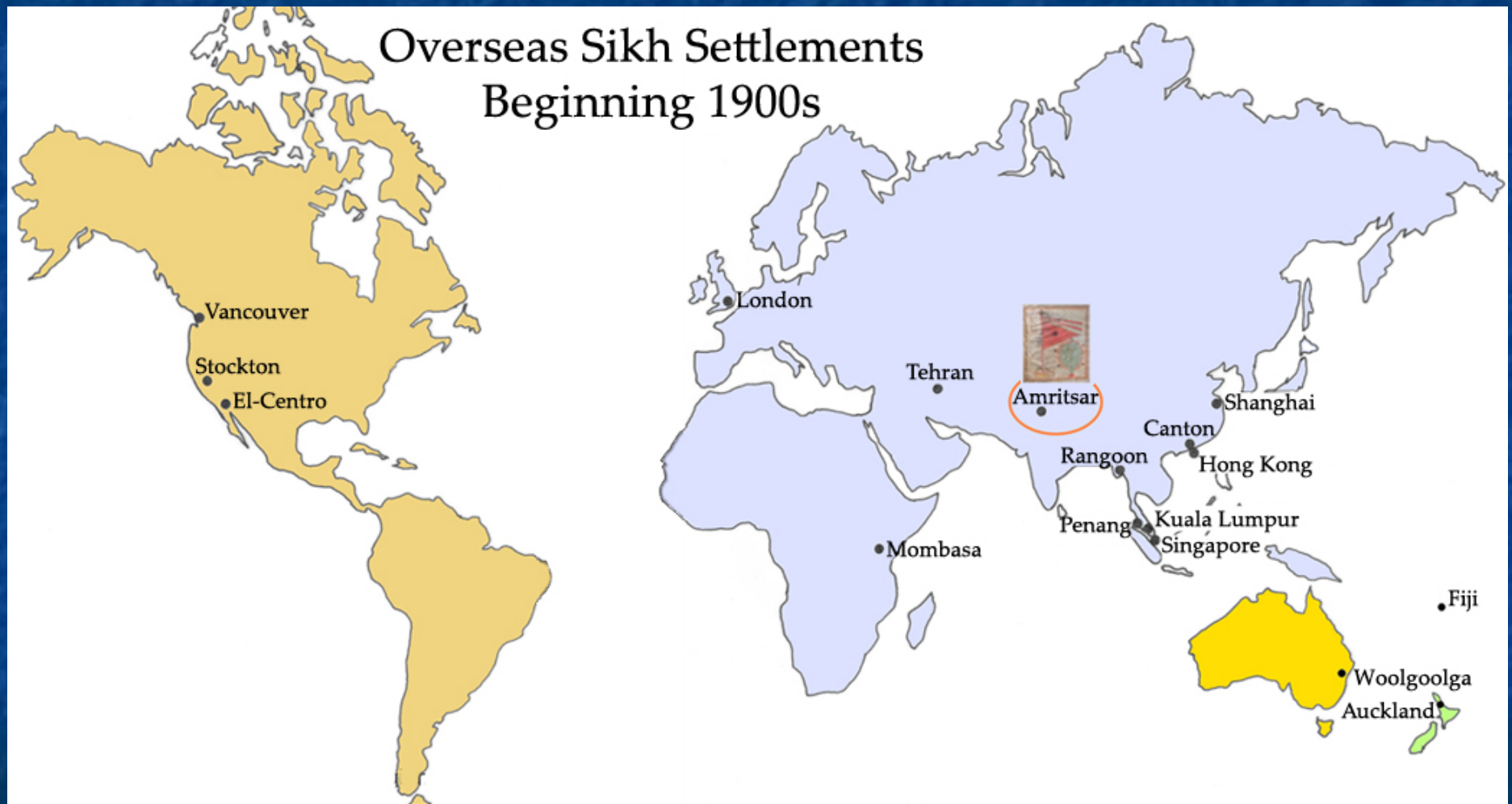




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