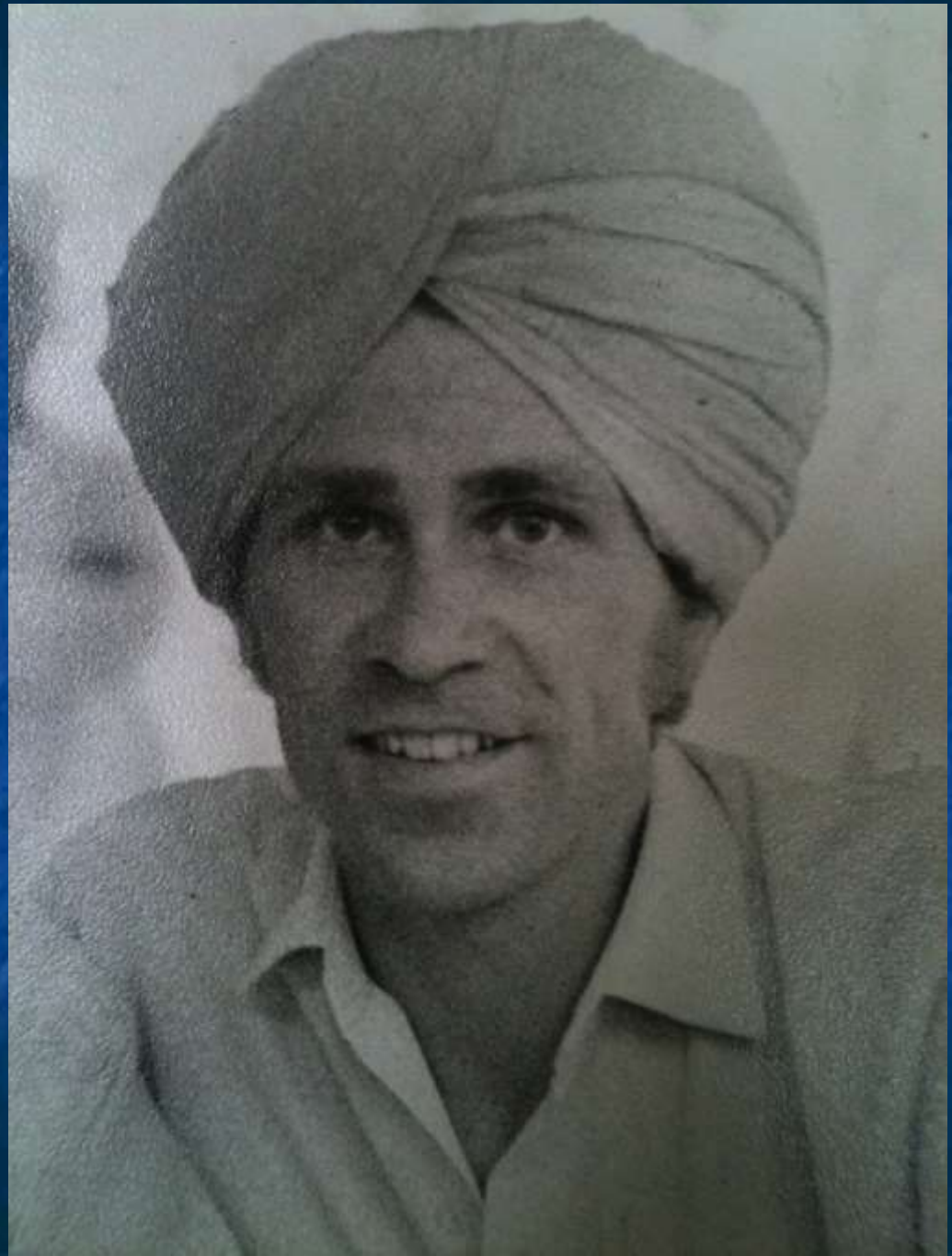




Sikh Studies at UCSB (1999-2015)

Gurinder Singh Mann
Kundan Kaur Kapany Chair (1999-2015)
March 28, 2015

Our story started in the late 1960s with Mark Juergensmeyer, a doctoral scholar, at UC Berkeley (Political Science) arriving in the Punjab for his research



And Narinder Singh Kapany with blue blood in his veins (his mother's genealogy goes back to Guru Amardas (1551-1574) and a Physics Ph.D. in his bag arriving in the Bay area around this time



Drs. Juergensmeyer and Kapany, two visionaries, began to work together



**The position in Sikh studies at UCSB
was conceived in the late 1990s**

**And between 1999 and 2015
I had the good fortune of converting their vision into reality**

In my scheme of things,
first and foremost came **teaching**

I developed courses in three areas:

1. Punjabi Language
2. Sikhism
3. Advanced courses on Sikhism and Punjab

Punjabi class 1999-2000



Punjabi Class, Winter 2014



Courtesy: A. Chander

Sikhism, Fall 2013



Global Diasporas, Winter 2014



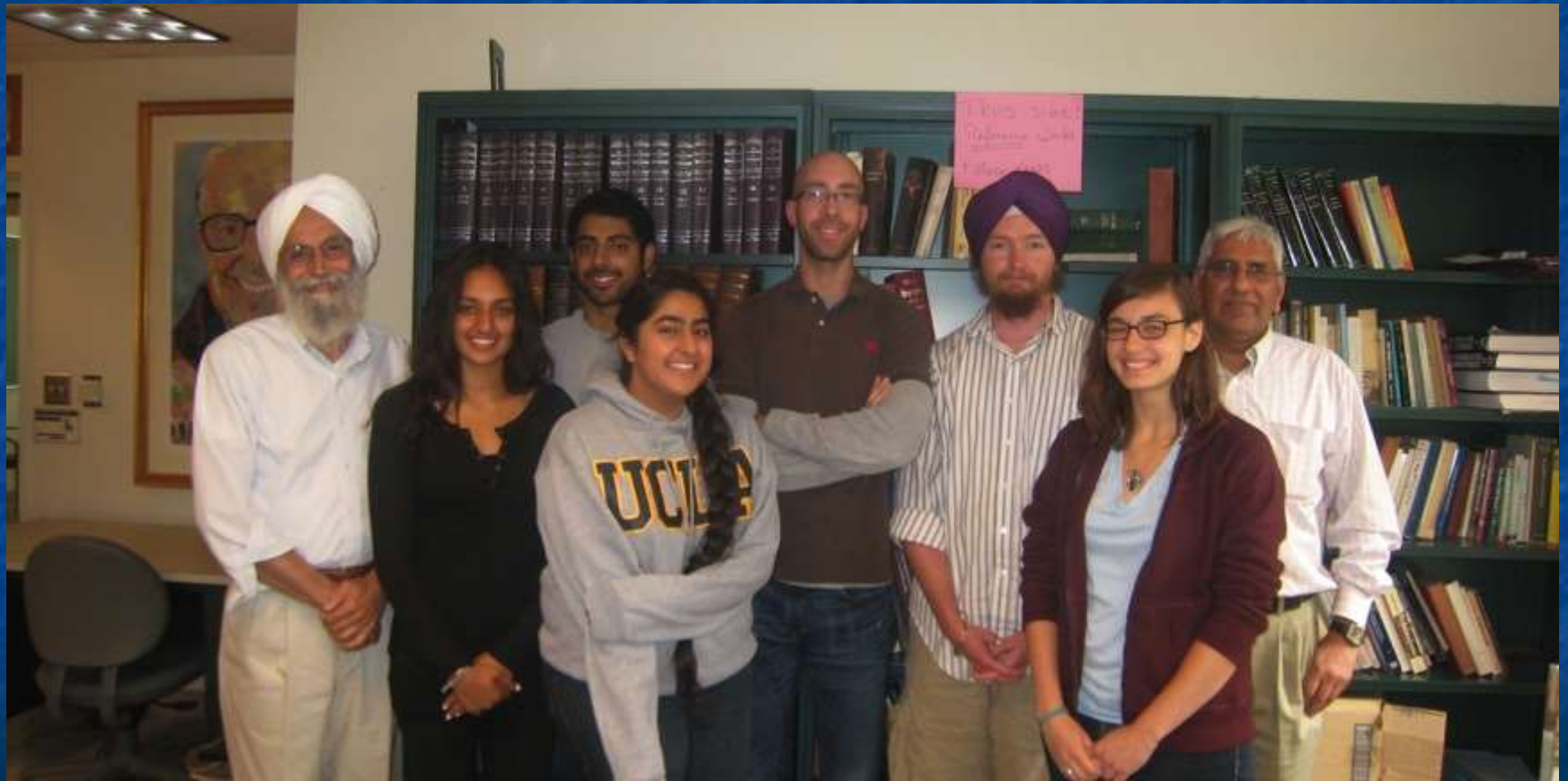
In 2013-2014, the number of students who took my courses crossed 640



***Global Diaspora class, Winter 2014,
Visiting the gurdwara in Ventura (Courtesy: A.
Chandan)***

The Early Sikh Texts (Spring 2011)

Global Sikhism (Spring 2012)



(Ph.Ds completed at UCSB)

Name	Year	Area	Current Employment
1. Anna Bieglow	2004	Religion	North Carolina University
2. Dan Michon	2007	Archeology	Claremont McKenna U., CA
3. Megan Sijapati	2008	Religion	Gettysburg College, PA
4. Rahuldeep S. Gill	2009	Religion	California Lutheran U.
5. Gibb Schreffler	2010	Music	Pomana College, CA
6. Ami Shah	2010	Religion	Kent Place School, Summit
7. Chloe Martinez	2013	Religion	Haverford College, PA
8. John Warneke	2015	Education	

I was also associated with the following doctoral projects:

Name	Year	Area	Current Employment
1. Farina Mir	2002	History, Columbia U.	Ass. Prof., U of Michigan
2. S.S. Gogoani	2004	Religion, GNDU	Librarian, Khalsa College
3. K. Myrvold	2007	Religion, Lund	Assist. Prof., Ligneous
4. Natasha Behl	2010	Pol.Science, UCLA	Assist. Prof., U of Arizona
5. Karamjit Singh	2012	Architecture, GNDU	Lecturer, GNDU, Amritsar
6. Sukh Singh	2014	Religion, GNDU	Researcher, GNDU, Amritsar
7. S. J. Singh	2015	Religion, Columbia U.	Assist. Prof., Trinity U
8.	2012-2013,	Asma Qadri, Associate Professor, Punjab University, Lahore,	visited UCSB to work on her post-doctoral project on Sufi poetry
The following visited us while working on their Ph.Ds			

Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Awards 2013

- December 11, 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.

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Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Awards 2014

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Summer Program in Punjab Studies (1997-2009)

Based in the Punjab, its activity included classes in Punjabi at the elementary and intermediate levels; lectures by experts in history, art, and culture; and week-end field trips to major religious, historical and educational sites in the Punjab plains and hills. This six-week Program served as a venue for scholars from North America and Europe to meet and exchange ideas with their Punjabi counterparts

182 participants came from 71 universities in 10 countries (USA, Canada, UK; Australia, , France, Germany, Italy, India, New Zealand, and Sweden)

Alumni of the Summer Program occupy faculty positions at 16 universities.

Summer Program in Punjab Studies (1997-2009)

	● Number	Undergrad	Graduate	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	4	7	4	

● Total 182

Some of the alumni of the Summer Program now teach

Jennifer Dobe	University of Iowa
Tim Dobe	University of Iowa
Will Glover	Michigan University
Constance Elseberg	North Virginia College
Susanne McMahan	UC Berkeley
Farina Mir	Michigan University
Anne Murphy	University of British Columbia
Robin Rinehart	Lafayette College
Caroline Sawyer	SUNY, Westbury
Megan Sijapati	Gettysburg College
Holly Sims	SUNY, Albany
Varun Soni	U of Southern California LA
Sabha Soomekh	Loyola Marymount, LA
Virginia Van Dyke	University of Washington
Pippa Virdee	De Montford University, UK
John Williams	Principia College



SIKH AND PUNJABI STUDIES PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

Professor Gurinder Singh Mann

IN APPRECIATION OF HIS DEDICATION IN CREATING AND RUNNING THE
SUMMER PROGRAM IN PUNJAB STUDIES FOR OVER A DECADE, PROVIDING
PRICELESS TRAINING TO A NEW GENERATION OF SCHOLARS OF
PUNJAB AND THE SIKHS

PRESENTED THIS 29TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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"
8. May 16-17, 2014 "Sikh Studies in the 21st Century"

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Chancellor Henry Yang inaugurating

“Sikh Studies in the 21st Century”

May 16-17, 2014



“Sikh Studies in the 21st Century”

May 16-17, 2014



After dinner at West Campus



Conferences (Co-sponsored)

- 1. March 19, 2005 “Workshop on Sikh Studies” held at Lund Uni.
- 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 “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” held at UCSB

Some of the luminaries we hosted at UCSB included the following

South Asian Studies: A. Behl (U. Penn), J. Brown (Oxford), A.T. Embree (Columbia), J.S. Hawley (Columbia), B.D. Metcalf (Michigan), T.R. Metcalf (UCB), L.I. Rudolph (Chicago), S.H. Rudolph (Chicago), C. Smith (San Diego Museum), and S. Stronge (Victoria and Albert Museum).

Sikh Studies included I. Banga (GNDU), T.S. Gill (GNDU), B.N. Goswamy (Panjab University), J.S. Grewal (GNDU), W.H. McLeod (Otago, New Zealand), and C. Shackle (London)

Punjabi poets: Amarjit Chandan (London), Surjit Patar (Punjab), Ahmad Salim (West Punjab), and Ajmer Rode (Vancouver)

Other artists: Gharib Das (Chandigarh) and Baldeep Singh (Punjab, {Music}) , and the Singh Twins (London [Painting])

And I availed the invitation for lectures (56) at the following institutions

American Society of the Study of Religion;
Barnard College, New York;
Cali Lutheran University, S.CA;
Carthage College, Carthage;
Claremont University, Claremont;
Cal State University, Northridge;
Hofstra University, Long Island;
Library of Congress, Washington;
Rutgers University, NJ;
Stanford University;
Syracuse University;
University of Florida, Gainesville;
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor;
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee;
University of California at Berkeley,
Davis, Riverside, Santa Cruz;

Valparaiso University;
Yale University;
Simon Fraser Uni., Vancouver,
U. of Fraser Valley, Abbotsford (Canada);
Coventry University, Coventry,
SOAS, London University (U.K);
Lund University (Sweden);
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar,
Punjabi University, Patiala,
Indian History Congress, Patiala (India)
Museum of Asian Art, San Francisco;
Museum of Art, San Diego;
Pioneers' Museum, Imperial Valley, CA;
National Museum of Natural History;
Smithsonian Institutions, Washington DC

Outreach

- 1991- Advisor, Pluralism Project, Harvard University
- 2001 **Reviewer, teacher's credentials examination for Punjabi language in California**
- 2002-07 External Reviewer, Sikh Heritage Project, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
- 2004- Trustee, Sikh Temple, Ventura
- 2006- Member, American Society of the Study of Religion
- 2011- Advisor, Center for Guru Granth Studies, Guru Nanak Dev
2014 **And have conducted advisements on the creation of teaching materials for Punjabi in Singapore**

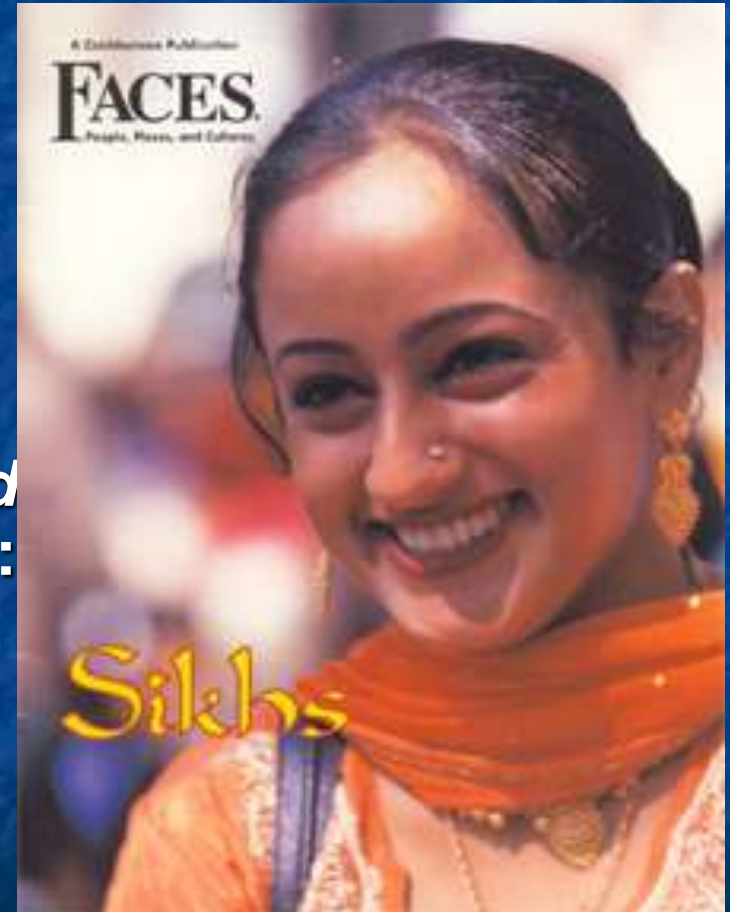
We have created an online course for Elementary Punjabi

The Center 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.

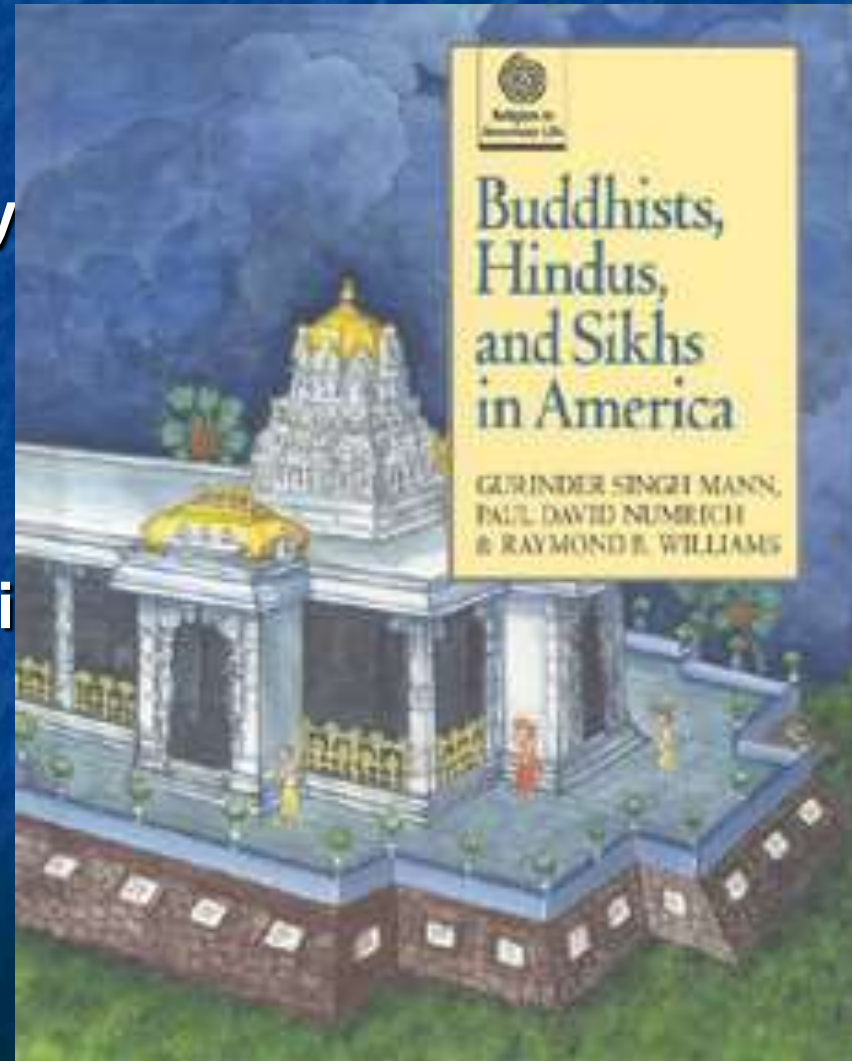
Publications

- For Elementary Schools
- A special issue of
- *Faces: People, Places, and Cultures* (Peterborough, NH: Cobbleston, 2000)



Publications

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

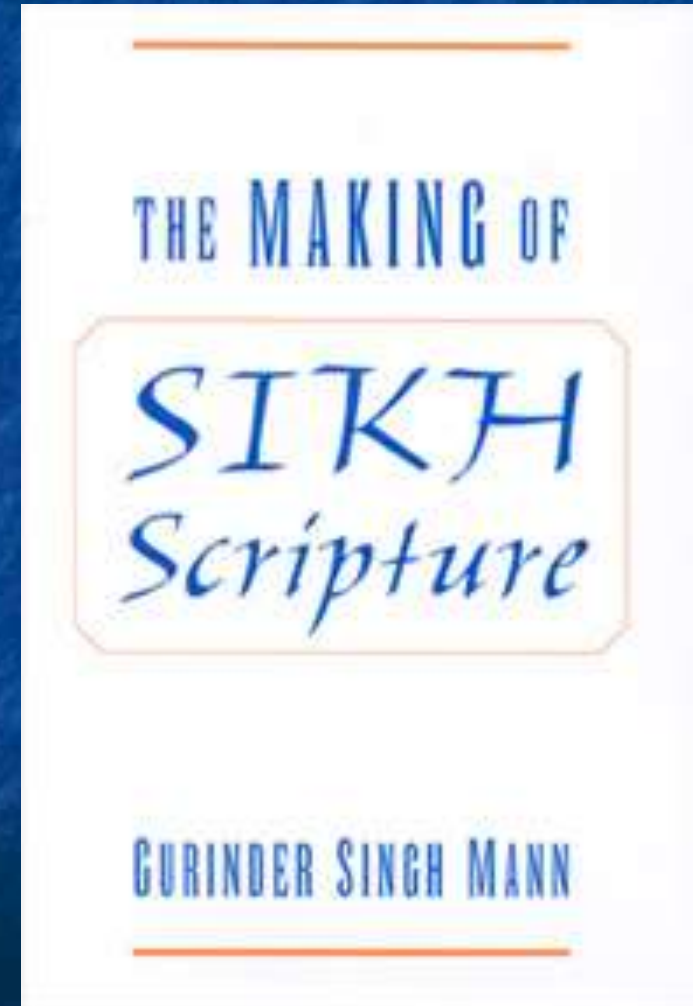


Publications

- *The Making of Sikh Scripture*

(New York: Oxford University Press, 2001)

(Delhi: OUP, 2001 [hardbound],
2003 [paperback], 2006, 2009
[reprint])

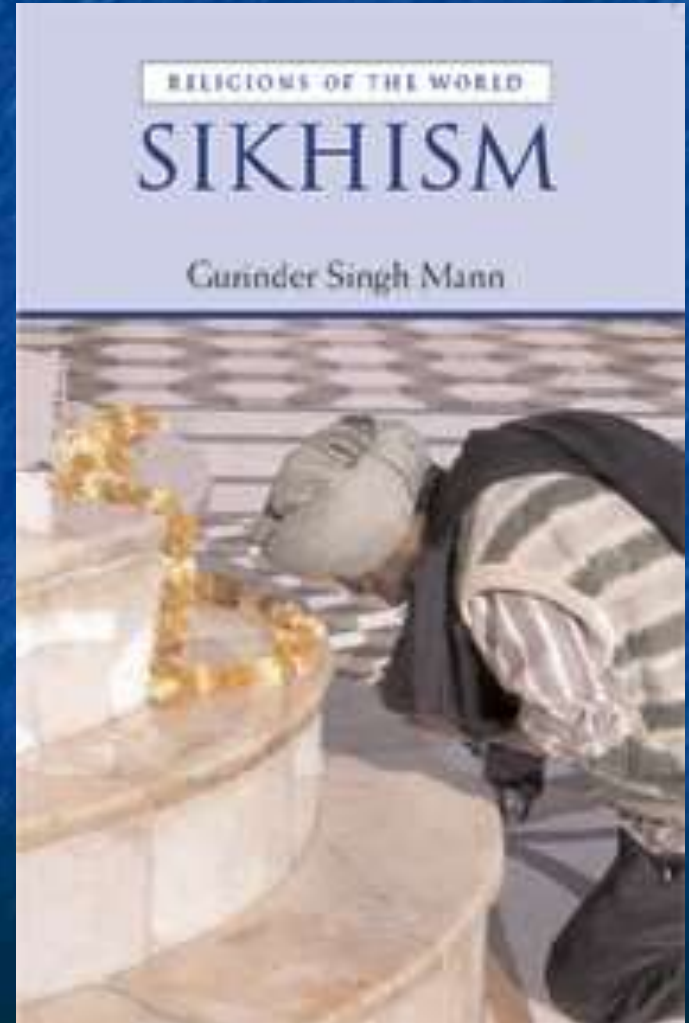


Publications

- *Sikhism*

- (Prentice Hall, 2004)

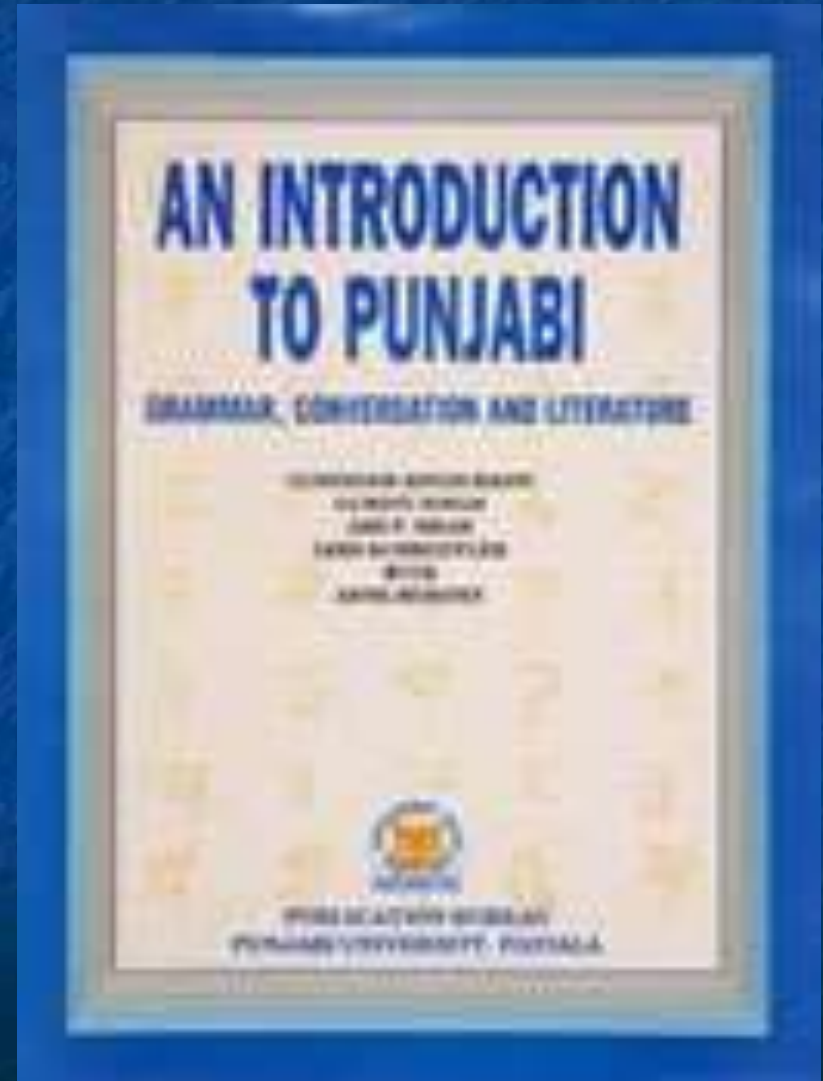
- The Japanese and Spanish editions of the
- book were released in 2007



Publications

An Introduction to Punjabi

- (Patiala: Punjabi University, 2011)



Publications

Journal of Punjab Studies
moved to UCSB in 2004
and some of its special
numbers included the
following:

- 2004: Geography**
- 2004: Culture**
- 2005: Economy**
- 2006: Punjabi Literature**
- 2008: Guru Gobind Singh**
- 2014: 19th Century Punjab**



I believe that our Summer Program in the Punjab, teaching, conferences, workshops, and research related activities at UCSB, and community outreach helped our effort at disseminating information about Sikhs and the Punjab to wide-ranging forums

As well as as building UCSB as a major center of Sikh and Punjab studies

To Conclude

I register my deep gratitude to

*Prof.
Juergensmeyer*

for envisioning a position in Sikh
Studies at UCSB and
providing me support at every
stage of my work during 1999-
2015



Dean David Marshall
&
Dean Melvin Oliver

for their encouragement

Dr. Kapany

For his role in the creation of
the position and full support
in the subsequent years



Prof. Indu Banga (Panjab University)
Prof. J.S. Grewal (GNDU)
Prof. Giles Gunn (UCSB)
Prof. J.S. Hawley (Barnard College)
Prof. S.S. Thandi (Coventry University)
Dr. J. S. Ahluwalia (Richmond, CA) &
Dr. K. S. Thind (San Mateo, CA)

For providing guidance at different stages of the program

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- *Neena & Gurpal Singh Bhuller, Chester, VA*
- *Amita & Dilmohan Singh Chadha, Brisbane, CA*
- *Carmen & Robert Chell, El Centro, CA*
- *Jaswinder & Amrik S. Chattha, Pittsburg, PA*
- *Parminder Jassal & Herbert T. Head, Lake Forest Park, WA*
- *Phyllis & Kirpal Singh Jassal, Des Moines, Iowa*

For their help in the development of the program

Simultaneously I
extend my apologies to



*Drs. Kapany
&
Juergensmeyer*

for taking retirement at 65
that some colleagues
consider little premature

I am, however, convinced that I have given all what I could to the UCSB program and it is time to make way for a new and fresh voice to be heard from Santa Barbara

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

Bidding farewell to the program, I feel that I have done my part

***Chalo Khalsa ji sade kuch dere
Asi akhari fateh gaja chale
Pao pani te raj ke chhan mano
Asi dol ke rat pia challe!***

And it is time to be with my family and work on the exciting calling of being Nora's "Bapu Ji"



Thank you very much for your time!