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EMPLOYMENT:

- 09/2021 – 12/2021** Teaching Assistant, Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, Riverside
- 11/2020 – 06/2021** Consultant, Ethnic Studies Curriculum Development Team, Stockton Unified School District, Stockton, CA
- 04/2021 – 06/2021** Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies Department, University of California, Riverside
- 06/2020 – 03/2021** Graduate Student Researcher, UC-Online Punjabi Curriculum Development Team, Department of Languages and Applied Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 07/2020 – 08/2020** Associate Instructor, Religious Studies Department, University of California, Riverside
- 04/2018 – 06/2020** Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies and Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, Riverside
- 04/2018 – 05/2020** Editor, *The Religious Studies Voice*, Religious Studies Department, University of California, Riverside

EDUCATION:

- 09/2017 – Present** Ph.D. in Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 09/2017 – 06/2020** M.A. in Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
Comprehensive Exams Area: Sikh Studies, American Immigration and Religious History, Ethnic Studies, Critical Race and Postcolonial Theory
Committee: Dr. Pashaura Singh (Chair – Religious Studies), Dr. Melissa Wilcox (Religious Studies), Dr. Andrea Smith (Ethnic Studies), Dr. Amanda Lucia (Religious Studies), and Dr. Cathy Gudis (History)
- 08/2013 – 06/2016** B.S. in Criminal Justice, Humphreys College, Stockton, CA
- 01/2016 – 06/2016** Probation Officer Core Course, Stockton, California

PUBLICATIONS:

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming* “The Gurdwara.” In *The Sikh World*, eds. Pashaura Singh and Arvind-Pal Singh Mandair. New York: Routledge, (under contract).
- December 2020 “Sikhi, seva, and sarbat da bhalla in a pandemic.” In *Teaching About Asia in a Time of Pandemic*, ed. David Kenley. Association for Asian Studies, 2020.
- July 2020 “Sikhism.” In *Religious Violence Today: Faith and Conflict in the Modern World*, ed. Michael Jerryson. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2020.

BOOK REVIEWS

- March 2020 “Women and Genocide.” Book review, *Religious Studies Review*, March 2020.

ARTICLES AND PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- January 2022 “The Pen, the Keyboard, and Resistance: Role of Social Media in the Farmers’ Protest.” In *Journal of Sikh and Punjab Studies*, Global Institute for Sikh Studies, 2022. Vol. 29 (1&2 – Spring-Fall 2022). http://www.giss.org/jsp_vol_29/13-tajpaul_baniwal.pdf
- August 2021 “Annual Report from the 7th Dr. Jasbir Singh Saini Chair in Sikh Studies Conference - Sikh Studies in the Western Academy: Prospects and Challenges.” *The Sikh Foundation*, 2021. Available at: <http://www.sikhfoundation.org/annual-report-from-the-dr-jasbir-singh-saini-endowed-chair-in-sikh-and-punjabi-studies-at-the-ucr-7th-international-sikh-studies-conference/>

- August 2021 “Normalizing Sikh Americans within Asian American Studies and the Broader AAPI Community.” Association for Asian American Studies Newsletter, 2021.
- October 2020 “Religious and Political Dimensions of the Kartarpur Corridor: Exploring the Global Politics behind the Lost Heritage of the Darbar Sahib.” In *Religions*, MDPI, 2020. Available at: <https://www.mdpi.com/874122>
- July 2020 “Sikhism in the United States.” *Database of Religious History*, Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia. Available at: <https://religiondatabase.org/browse/851/>
- July 2020 “With Trump’s Failure to Protect Religious Minorities, Afghan Hindus and Sikhs Face an Uncertain Future in India.” *Religion Dispatches*, 2020. Available at: <https://religiondispatches.org/with-trumps-failure-to-protect-religious-minorities-afghan-hindus-and-sikhs-face-an-uncertain-future-in-india/>
- June 2020 “Why did Facebook and Instagram Ban #Sikh on the Anniversary of an Infamous Massacre?” *Religion Dispatches*, 2020. Available at: <https://religiondispatches.org/why-did-facebook-and-instagram-ban-sikh-on-the-anniversary-of-an-infamous-massacre/>
- June 2020 “Sikh Faithful Giving Back to Community,” *The Stockton Record*, 2020. Available at: <https://www.recordnet.com/opinion/20200604/sikh-faithful-giving-back-to-community>
- July 2019 “Celebrating Guru Nanak’s 550th Birth Anniversary.” *The Sikh Foundation*, 2019. Available at: <http://www.sikhfoundation.org/celebrating-guru-nanaks-550th-birth-anniversary/>
- June 2015 “150 Years Ago Today, America Got a Second Independence Day.” *The Leadership Conference*, 2015. Available at: <https://civilrights.org/edfund/resource/150-years-ago-today-america-got-a-second-independence-day/>

SHORT VIDEOS

- April 2021 *Stockton Gurdwara: A Brief History*. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVgoS_MIRaU

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- May 2021 5Rivers Foundation Dissertation Research Award
- June 2020 Douglas M. Parrott Graduate Service Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- April 2020 Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant (Association for Asian American Studies Conference), University of California, Riverside
- April 2020 Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant (Organization for American Historians Conference), University of California, Riverside
- April 2020 Mellon Foundation Graduate Student Travel Grant, Organization for American Historians
- April 2020 Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant (UMD Historic Preservation Symposium), University of California, Riverside
- September 2019 5Rivers Foundation Scholarship
- June 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, Urdu
- June 2019 Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant, University of California, Riverside
- May 2019 Diversity Scholar, California Preservation Trust
- November 2018 Diversity Scholar, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- November 2018 Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant (National Trust for Historic Preservation), University of California, Riverside

November 2018	Graduate Student Association Travel Grant
November 2018	Student Scholar, Asian Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation
November 2018	Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant (Asian Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation), University of California, Riverside
November 2018	Graduate Student Association Travel Grant
June 2018	Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, (Lalkaar, The Blueprint: Gurdwara 2025)
June 2018	Graduate Education and Research Activity Grant, University of California, Riverside
September 2017	Dean's Distinguished Fellowship Award, University of California, Riverside
April 2016	Student Scholar, Asian Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation, Stockton, CA

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION:

November 2021	"Model Minority Privilege and Brown Silence: Sikh Americans and the Black Lives Matter Movement," Decolonization and Anti-racism in Sikh Discourse and Activism, American Academy of Religion National Conference
November 2021	"Social Justice Legacy of Guru Tegh Bahadur," The Relevance of Guru Tegh Bahadur's Teachings and Sacrifice in Modern Times: International Webinar Commemorating Guru Tegh Bahadur's 400 th Birth Anniversary, University of California, Riverside
November 2021	"Preservation in Action: Advocacy in Asian and Pacific Islander American Communities," PastForward: National Preservation Conference, National Trust for Historic Preservation
October 2021	"Cultures of Protest: The Question of Democracy in South Asia," 49th Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison
October 2021	"One Man Revolution: Pakhar Singh and the Murders of White Men in 1925," Ambivalent Revolutions, American Studies Association
July 2021	"Deep Rooted Resilience: Sikhi, Seva, And The Covid 19 Pandemic," Sixteenth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK (Paper Accepted)
June 2021	"Starting a Movement: Sikh American Historic Preservation," Reframing Preservation: Leading From the West Coast, California Preservation Conference
June 2021	"Restricted Religious Rights: Kirpan In The Public Sphere," Eleventh International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Spain (Paper Accepted)
May 2021	"The Discipline of Sikh Studies," International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Moderator)
May 2021	"Emerging Voices in Sikh Studies," International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Moderator)
May 2021	International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Organizer)
March 2021	"Religion, Revolution, and Farming: The 2020 Indian Farmers' Protest," American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
March 2021	"Model Minority Privilege and Brown Silence: Sikh Americans and the Black Lives Matter Movement," American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA

March 2021 “Sikhi, Seva, and Sarbat Da Bhalla: Sikh American Resilience Through the COVID-19 Pandemic,” American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA

February 2021 “Preservation Education: Shaping the Future of a Movement,” Saving Places 2021 Conference, Colorado Preservation Inc.

January 2021 “Sikh American Historic Preservation: A Brief History,” Re-Centering the Margins: Justice and Equity in Historic Preservation Research Symposium, University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland

January 2021 “Protecting The Image: Sexual Assault Within Sikh Organizations,” Twenty-first International Conference on Knowledge, Culture, and Change in Organizations, The University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

December 2020 “Stockton Gurdwara: The Political Center of Sikhs in the United States,” American Academy of Religion National Conference

November 2020 “One Man Revolution: Pakhar Singh and the Murders of White Men in 1925,” American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD (CANCELLED – COVID 19)

October 2020 “Asian and Pacific Islander Americans + Historic Preservation: Challenges and Opportunities,” PastForward : National Preservation Conference, National Trust for Historic Preservation

July 2020 “Expanding the Preservation Narrative: From Research to Action,” Dismantle Preservation Virtual Unconference

May 2020 “Preservation of History Through Stockton Gurdwara,” Center for Ideas and Society Virtual Research Conference, University of California, Riverside, CA

May 2020 “Preserving Diverse Places and Stories: Stories across California,” California Preservation Conference, Sacramento, CA (CANCELLED – COVID 19)

April 2020 “The Power of Historic Preservation in AAPI Communities,” Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Washington, D.C. (CANCELLED – COVID 19)

April 2020 “Towards a More Just, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive Field of Historic Preservation,” UMD Historic Preservation Symposium, University of Maryland, College Park (CANCELLED – COVID 19)

March 2020 “The Gurdwara: Political, Social, and Religious Institution,” American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Claremont, CA

November 2019 “The Reception of Sikh Literature Amongst Early Sikh Americans,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Diego, CA

November 2019 “The Reception of Sikh Literature Amongst Early Sikh Americans,” Department of Religious Studies, Riverside, CA

June 2019 “Ghadr in Southeast Asia,” Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Joint Student Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison

May 2019 “How did the Process of Renovation of Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan begin?” International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside

May 2019 “Philosophy and Religious Theory,” International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Respondent)

May 2019 International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Organizer)

February 2019 10th Annual Sikholars Conference, Stanford University, CA (Host)

November 2018 “Connect. Inspire. Preserve.,” 2018 National Asian and Pacific Islander American Historic Preservation Forum, San Francisco, CA (Organizer, Planning Committee)

June 2018	“The Blueprint: Gurdwara 2025,” Lalkaar Conference, California State University, Bakersfield (Facilitator)
May 2017	“Majoritarianism, State Regulation, and Religious Identity,” International Sikh Studies Conference, University of California, Riverside (Respondent)
April 2016	“Shaping Our Future Through Our Historic Neighborhoods,” 2016 National Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) Historic Preservation Forum, Stockton, CA (Organizer, Planning Committee)
November 2015	“Kartar Singh Sarabha: Revolutionary Life in India,” Kartar Singh Sarabha Centennial Conference, University of Pacific, Stockton, CA
October 2012	“Sikh American Establishments and Their Journey,” Stockton Gurdwara Centennial Conference, University of Pacific, Stockton, CA (Respondent)

INVITED TALKS:

May 2021	“Sikh American Resilience: Language, Media, Power, and the Rise in Asian Hate,” Asian-American Visibility and Allyship Day, Millennium Brooklyn High School
May 2021	“Sikhs, Sikhi, and Sikh Americans,” Guest Lecturer, University of California, Riverside
May 2021	“Sikhs and Stockton Gurdwara: History of Sikh American Immigration and the Establishment of Stockton Gurdwara,” San Joaquin County Historical Museum
April 2021	“Sikhs in America and Stockton Gurdwara: A Brief History,” Unbound Stockton
July 2020	“Gatka Then and Now,” Public Workshop, Sikh Coalition
June 2020	“Solidarity in San Joaquin County: A Discussion on Racism, Our Past and Our Future,” Virtual Townhall, San Joaquin County Together
May 2020	“Frontline COVID-19 Seva - Understanding the Riverside, CA Model,” Public Workshop, Sikh Coalition
August 2019	“Introduction to Sikhism,” Guest Lecturer, Humphreys University, Stockton, CA
March 2019	“San Joaquin Gurdwara: A Brief History,” Public Presentation, Historical Landmarks and Record Advisory Commission, Fresno, CA
April 2018	“Developing Panth: Early Successors of Guru Nanak,” Guest Lecturer, University of California, Riverside
March 2019	“History of Sikhs in Fresno,” Public Presentation, Historical Landmarks and Record Advisory Commission, Fresno, CA
November 2017	“Ghadr Revolution,” Public Lecture, University of California, Riverside
August 2017	“Sikhs in Fresno County,” Public Lecture, Paaras Youth Center, Fresno, CA
June 2017	“Building Begampura,” Guest Lecturer, California State University, Bakersfield
June 2017	“1984 Attack on Amritsar,” Public Lecture, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA
January 2017	“History of Sikhs in Stockton,” Public Presentation, Stockton City Hall, CA
December 2016	“Sikh Genocide,” Public Presentation, Lathrop City Hall, CA
November 2016	“Introduction to Sikh Religion,” Guest Lecturer, Venture Academy, Stockton, CA
August 2016	“Early Sikh American Immigration,” Public Lecture, Guru Gobind Singh Foundation, Maryland
February 2016	“Stockton Gurdwara and Sikhs,” Public Presentation, Little Manila Center, Stockton, CA
July 2015	“Sikh Americans: Then and Now,” Public Speech, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

INTERVIEWS:

September 2021 “Young Sikhs still struggle with post-Sept. 11 discrimination.” AP News, 2021. Available online at: <https://apnews.com/article/religion-crime-arizona-discrimination-race-and-ethnicity-f4969bc713bfeeb5a763a252027a6db4>

June 2021 “‘We’re Only Reached Out to in Times of Tragedy’: Sikh Americans and the Telling of U.S. Religious History.” Anxious Bench, 2021. Available online at: <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2021/06/were-only-reached-out-to-in-times-of-tragedy-sikh-americans-and-the-telling-of-u-s-religious-history/>

April 2021 “US Sikh community traumatized by yet another mass shooting.” AP News, 2021. Available online at: https://apnews.com/article/shootings-statutes-violence-hate-crimes-indianapolis-395655b314f1e57553fbac7b3f1804be?fbclid=IwAR1B6PtfQWQ_m3fmmqJegbe xxm_4-_3EvCKeUPFFr0INxCSmM13El0ebdkA

April 2021 “Sikhs mark toned-down holiday amid continuing virus concerns.” ABC News, 2021. Available online at: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/sikhs-mark-toned-holiday-amid-continuing-virus-concerns-77052117>

September 2020 “Dismantle Preservation: Getting Serious about Building a New Model for the Field.” National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2020. Available online at: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/blogs/priya-chhaya/2020/09/02/dismantle-preservation>

May 2020 “San Joaquin Valley nonprofits collaborate to feed residents in need.” *Hiago*, 2020. Available online at: <https://hiago.com/2020/05/08/san-joaquin-valley-nonprofits-collaborate-to-feed-residents-in-need/>

May 2018 “Sikhs in America.” *United Shades of America*. CNN, 2018. Television.

December 2016 “City Council condemns ‘genocide’ against Sikhs,” Manteca Bulletin, 2016. Available online at: <https://www.mantecabulletin.com/opinion/local-columns/city-council-condemns-genocide-against-sikhs/>

July 2016 “DNC Roll Call Brings Mixed Reactions Among Asian-American Delegates,” NBC News, 2016. Available online at: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/dnc-roll-call-brings-mixed-reactions-among-asian-american-delegates-n617576>

Fall 2015 “Tell Me Something About Sikh People,” *The Wilson Quarterly*, 2015. Available online at: <https://www.wilsonquarterly.com/quarterly/transitions/tell-me-something-about-sikh-people/>

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 2021 – Present Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Black Study, University of California, Riverside

July 2021 – Present Cultural Heritage Board, City of Stockton

Oct. 2020 – Present Ethnic Studies Steering Committee, Stockton Unified School District

May 2021 Emerging Preservationists Focus Group, National Trust for Historic Preservation

June 2017 – Mar 2020 Designation and placement of San Joaquin Gurdwara on the County’s Register of Historic Places, Fresno County Board of Supervisors

August 2019 National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California, 1850-1970. Peer Reviewer, Community Expert. National Parks Service, United States Department of Interior. Available online at: http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/pages/1067/files/Asian%20Americans%20and%20Pacific%20Islanders%20in%20California_MPDF_DRAFT_2019-10-08.pdf.

March 2019 Oral History Project, Co-Interviewer, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

July 2016

“Sounds of California,” Contributor, Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. Available online at: <https://festival.si.edu/2016/sounds-of-california/smithsonian>.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Religious Myth and Rituals (University of California, Riverside)

Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Introduction to the Study of Race and Ethnicity (University of California, Riverside)

Winter 2020, Fall 2021

Sexuality and Religion in Global Perspective (University of California, Riverside)

Summer 2020

LANGUAGES:

Punjabi (Modern and Scriptural): Speaking and reading competency

Urdu: Speaking and reading competency

Hindi: Speaking competency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

AAR Sikh Studies Steering Committee (2019-)

American Academy of Religion, Western Region (AARWR)

Religions of Asia Unit Chair (2020-2021);

Sikh Studies Unit Founding Chair (2021-)

American Studies Association

Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP)

APIAHiP Board of Directors (2016-)

Association for Asian Studies

Association of Asian American Studies

California Preservation Foundation

Organization for American Historians

CURRENT PROJECTS:

I recently launched the Sikh American History Project, a 501c3 organization which focuses on unearthing, preserving, and promoting the history of Sikhs in America. Some active projects include a National Sikh American Oral History Project, a state-wide research project on the history of Sikhs in Colorado and designating the Stockton Gurdwara as a National Historic Landmark.