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# Sikh Initiatives at the Leatherby Libraries

Engaging The Chapman Community  
Through Literary, Scholarly, And Cultural  
Partnerships  
2012-2020

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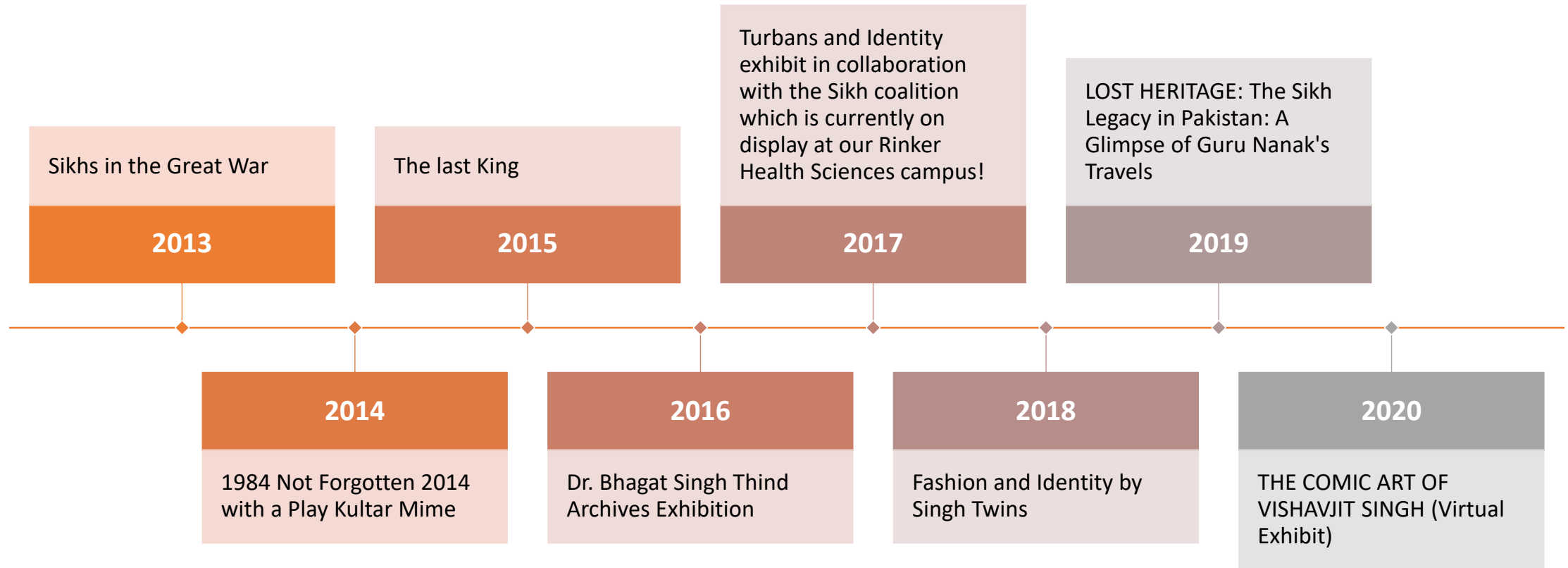
  
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**DODGE COLLEGE**  
OF FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

# Sikh Initiatives at Chapman University: A Success Story



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# Sikhs Initiatives

## *Sikhs In the Great War Exhibition*





## Sikhs In the Great War Exhibition





Dedication  
of the  
yearly  
heritage  
calendar

# Sikhs Partnerships At Chapman University

The Prisoner's Song Screening and Panel Discussion



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Wednesday, April 16th from 1-2:15 pm  
Chapman University - Beckman Room 212



# Sikhs Partnerships At Chapman University

*The Golden Temple On Loan To The Rhythms Of The East At Edward-dean Museum*



**Nineteen Eighty-Four**  
The Singh Twins: Amrit & Rabindra Singh, 1998

Edward-Dean Museum  
& Gardens presents

## Rhythms of the East

April 19th  
10am - 6 pm  
Parking \$5.00

### Schedule of Festival Events

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Kite Flying Henna Painting  
Kite Making Children's Games  
Sari and Hijab Demonstration

**10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**  
Hindu, Islam, Sikh,  
Jewish, Buddhist &  
Indian Christian  
Religious Prayers  
and Meditations

**11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
Sikh Martial Arts

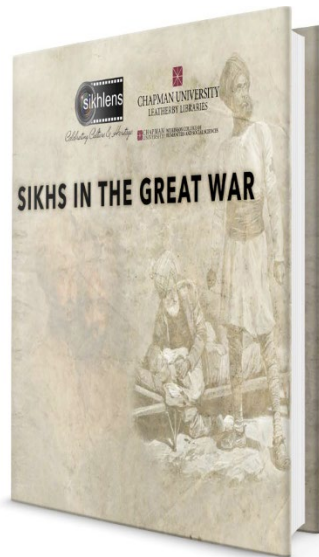
**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
Dancing and Performances

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
Poetry Reading by  
Urdu Writer's Society  
of North America



\*Donation of the Golden Temple and the 1984 Singh Twins artwork to the Special Collections Library







## Sikh New Year welcomed with festive Vaisakhi celebration

May 2, 2014



NEWS  
**Huntington Beach woman charged over tirade that went viral**



NEWS  
**Homeowners not injured as stolen car crashes into Costa Mesa home 'like a**



NEWS  
**Coyotes urban th coincide**

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## Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi holiday



BY KRIS FORTIN / STAFF WRITER

Published: May 4, 2014 Updated: May 7, 2014 2:11 p.m.



STEVEN GEORGES, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Vaisakhi celebration, traditionally celebrated April 13 or 14, commemorates the Sikh new year and the founding of the Khalsa, or Sikh brotherhood, by the religion's 10th guru Gobind Singh.

At Chapman University, students and the public came to the Fish Interfaith Center on May 1 to learn about the holiday as well as Sikhism itself.

Live music, food and speakers gave a sample of Sikh culture and highlighted the significance of Vaisakhi. Sikh musicians opened the event with the tabla, harmonium, swarmandal, dilruba, sitar and accompanied singing.

Speakers including Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, executive director of the California Sikh

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From left, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, the master of ceremonies, is shown with Daya Singh Khalsa and his wife, Sat Nirmal Kaur Khalsa.

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# Sikhs Partnerships at Chapman University

## *Understanding Turbans Display*



## UNDERSTANDING TURBANS



Sikh men commonly wear a peaked turban that serves partly to cover their long hair, which is never cut out of respect for God's creation. Devout Sikhs also do not cut their beards, so many Sikh men comb out their facial hair and then twist and tuck it up into their turbans along with the hair from their heads. Sikhism originated in northern India and Pakistan in the 15th century and is one of the youngest of the world's monotheistic religions. There are an estimated 18 million Sikhs in the world, with some 2 million spread throughout North America, Western Europe and the former British colonies.



World's Largest Turban



Young Sikh boy wearing a "patka", before he is old enough to wear a turban.



US Army Sikh Turban



Nihang "Akali Warrior" Turban

# SIKH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES: *EXHIBITIONS*

## SIKHS IN THE GREAT WAR



**sikhLens**  
*Celebrating Culture & Heritage*

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY  
LEATHERBY LIBRARIES

Chapman University  
Leatherby Libraries  
One University Dr.  
Orange, CA 92866  
3630

We cordially invite you and your guests to  
**SIKHS IN THE GREAT WAR**  
at Chapman University Leatherby Libraries  
Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Doy and Dee Henley Reading Room (2nd Floor)

**PARKING INFORMATION:**  
Parking for events is available after 4pm in the Lastinger Parking Structure on Walnut Avenue. The cost is \$2 for 2 hours and \$3 for 4 hours, and \$5 for 12 hours. Vehicles without permits or vehicles parking in restricted lots/spaces will be ticketed. Parking is not permitted along city streets without a city of Orange permit.

**WILSON FIELD**

ENTRANCE TO  
E. WALNUT AVENUE  
N. CENTER STREET  
E. FILM AVENUE

Leatherby Libraries PARKING LOTS  
A2 Argosius Forum Lot  
A4 Lastinger Structure Underground



Photography by Jag Rastah



at a reception for the opening of the exhibition

# "1984: Not Forgotten"



**VIP RECEPTION: Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Exhibition Opening & Performance 6:00-8:00 p.m. Doy & Dee Henley Reading Room Leatherby Libraries, Second Floor	Festive Banquet 8:00-10:00 p.m. Fish Interfaith Center
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AT CHAPMAN  
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THE  
PRISONER'S  
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SCREENING  
AND PANEL  
DISCUSSION

# LEATHERBY LIBRARIES: *PRESERVING THE STORIES*

## THE SIKH ARCHIVES



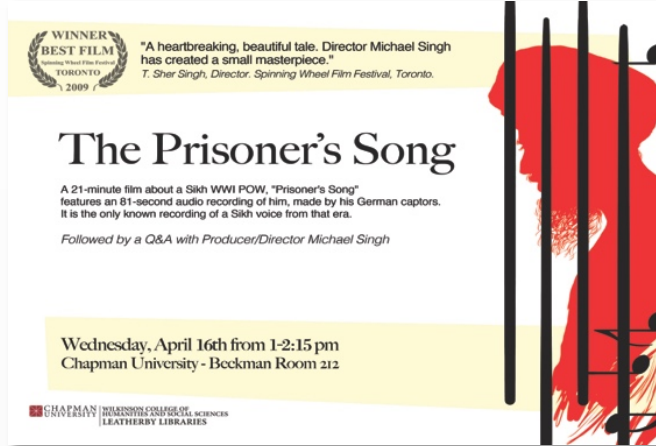


# SIKH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEATHERBY LIBRARIES

## EXHIBITIONS: Sikhs in the Great War/1984: Not Forgotten /The Last King



# SIKH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES: Interpretive Educational Programming



sikhLens presents **1984: Human Rights and Impunity in India** Ensaaf  
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When: Saturday, January 31st from 4-6 p.m.  
Where: Chapman University Leatherby Libraries

Our lecturer for the evening will be Sukhman Dhani. He will explore the events of 1984, the ensuing decade of disappearances and extrajudicial executions in Punjab, and the current situation of impunity for human rights violations in India. He will address questions such as:

- What is the scale and scope of human rights violations in India?
- What are the implications of ignoring such violations?
- What should be the response of the international community?

A legal and comparative framework will be used to present these issues.

The lecture will be followed by a reception and a very special collaborative announcement!

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RSVP: Bicky Singh at [bsingh@fcsinet.com](mailto:bsingh@fcsinet.com) or call (714) 692-9120 ext. 4117



# LEATHERBY LIBRARIES WEBSITE VISITS



- Number of visits to the library's website from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 is 56,101 (includes both new and returning users).
- The Last King exhibit was advertised on the front page for the duration of the exhibit.

# STRATEGIC MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

**Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University**  
Published by Margaret Ellsworth [?] · November 11, 2015 ·

Don't miss next week's SikhLens exhibit, exploring the legacy of "The Last King" - Maharajah Ranjit Singh, who ruled over a court of diverse and talented individuals from all over the world. This exhibit opens next Thursday, November 19, in the Leatherby Libraries.  
<https://events.chapman.edu/6452>



**Opening Reception: "The Last King"**  
In conjunction with the Sikh Art and Film Festival  
Thursday, November 19, 2015 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
[Get the Location](#)

[events.chapman.edu](https://events.chapman.edu)

Friday 20 Nov 2015 Opening Reception: "The Last King" In conjunction with the Sikh Art and Film Festival Friday, November 20, 2015 6:00pm - 8:00pm Free to attend LOCATION LL 205 Henley Reading Room Open to General Public Everyone...

EVENTS.CHAPMAN.EDU

**Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University**  
Published by Margaret Ellsworth [?] · April 4 ·

Get your books this week at the Library Book Sale!



10th Annual Library Book Sale - coming soon to a rotunda near you!

Mark your calendars now – for two days only, the Leatherby Libraries rotunda is about to be transformed from a study space into a marketplace of books! On April...

BLOGS.CHAPMAN.EDU

**Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University** added a new photo.  
March 30 ·

**Get Ready for Another Vaisakhi Celebration**  
At Chapman University's Fish Interfaith Center  
Tuesday, April 19th, 2016



296 people reached [Boost Post](#)

Like Comment Share

**Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University** shared OC Human Relations's photo.  
Published by Margaret Ellsworth [?] · April 28 ·

Congrats to friends of the library Bicky and Gurpreet Singh!  
[www.ochumanrelationsawards.org/honorees](http://www.ochumanrelationsawards.org/honorees)

The Leatherby Libraries congratulates Bicky and Gurpreet Singh for earning the Diverse Community Leaders award by OC Human Relations



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LEATHERBY LIBRARIES

OC Human Relations  
April 27 ·

Everyone is getting excited about #AWARDS45. Here's a special note of CONGRATS to honoree Bicky Singh who will be recognized along with his wife Gurpreet Si...

[See More](#)

**Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University**  
Published by Margaret Ellsworth [?] · April 15 ·

Don't miss this year's Vaisakhi celebration, coming next week in the Fish Interfaith Center.

**COME CELEBRATE VAISAKHI WITH US**

**APRIL 19TH • 6 PM**  
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, FISH INTERFAITH CENTER  
RSVP BY APRIL 14TH: [RSVP@SIKHLENS.COM](mailto:RSVP@SIKHLENS.COM)






**SikhLens**  
California Sikh Council  
Fish Interfaith Center  
Leatherby Libraries  
Invite you to join us to experience the rich culture of the Sikh community:  
"Vaisakhi - A Celebration of the Spirit of Sikhs Past and Present."

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS**

 Dr. Prigal Kaur Ahluwalia (Theology - Sikh Studies)

 Jassi Kaur (MFA)

 Michael Singh (Music Producer)

**PLUS**

- Turban Tying
- Indian Dinner
- more...

- Blog Posts
- Facebook and Social Media
- TED Talk
- Chapman University Happenings
- Orange County Human Relations Banquet

# STRATEGIC MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS IN THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES

A grid of four small portrait photographs. Top-left: A woman wearing a white turban, glasses, and a black and white sari. Top-right: A man wearing a blue turban, a blue shirt, and a white beard, with his hands in a prayer position. Bottom-left: A man wearing a grey turban and a grey jacket. Bottom-right: A woman wearing a gold and black patterned sari and a gold turban.

**NOV 17** **Sikh: Turban and Identity**  
Public · Hosted by Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University

✓ Interested ▾ ⋮

🕒 Friday, November 17, 2017 at 8 AM – 6 PM  
about 9 months ago

📍 **Leatherby Libraries at Chapman University**  
1 University Dr, Orange, California 92866 Show Map



**of Appeals**  
For the Ninth Circuit

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff, Appellant,

vs.

BHAGAT SINGH THIND,  
Defendant, Respondent.

**BRIEF OF APPELLANT.**

Upon Appeal From the United States District Court  
for the District of Oregon.

LESTER W. HUMPHREYS,  
United States Attorney for Oregon.

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

TO BE GIVEN TO  
THE PERSON NATURALIZED

No. 3954377

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION**

Petition No. 250957

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Age 43 years, sex male, color white, complexion medium, color of eyes brown, color of hair black, height 5 feet 11 1/2 inches, weight 168 pounds, visible distinctive marks none, marital status divorced, former nationality Great Britain. I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

**ORIGINAL**

(Complete and in signature of holder)

(SECURELY AND PERMANENTLY)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ss: Bhagat Singh Thind  
then residing at 245 West 72nd St. New York NY  
having petitioned to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and at a term of the District Court of The United States, New York City, held pursuant to law, on March 2nd 1936  
the court having found that the petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States and in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United States in such case applicable, and was entitled to be so admitted, the court thereupon entered that the petitioner be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America. In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this 2nd day of March 36 and of our Independence the one hundred and 60th

Charles Weiser  
Clerk of the U. S. District Court  
By *[Signature]* Community Clerk.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**SIKH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEATHERBY LIBRARIES  
2016 – 2017 EXHIBITION: The The Archives of  
Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind**

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**SIKH POSTCARD**

Britain called upon its empire to provide men and material for the war effort. With 330,000 men from Australia, 100,471 from New Zealand, and 1,524,107 from India, the British relied immensely on their colonies. This postcard depicts the profiles of two soldiers – one British and one Sikh – side-by-side within a circular border of British flags and states that they share the goal of defending civilization. The postcard reassured the British public that colonial soldiers were on their side, and that British rule inspired loyalty, not revolt, among colonial subjects. Once the war was over, however, Britain quickly forgot the valor and courage Sikh soldiers had shown in the war.

On Loan Courtesy of Binky and Gurneet Singh



**LEATHERBY LIBRARIES: *PRESERVING THE STORIES...***  
**USING THE SIKH ARCHIVES**



Sikh: Turban and Identity: November 2017  
Exhibit Dates: November 17, 2017 – August 30, 2018



# UPCOMING EXHIBITS IN THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES

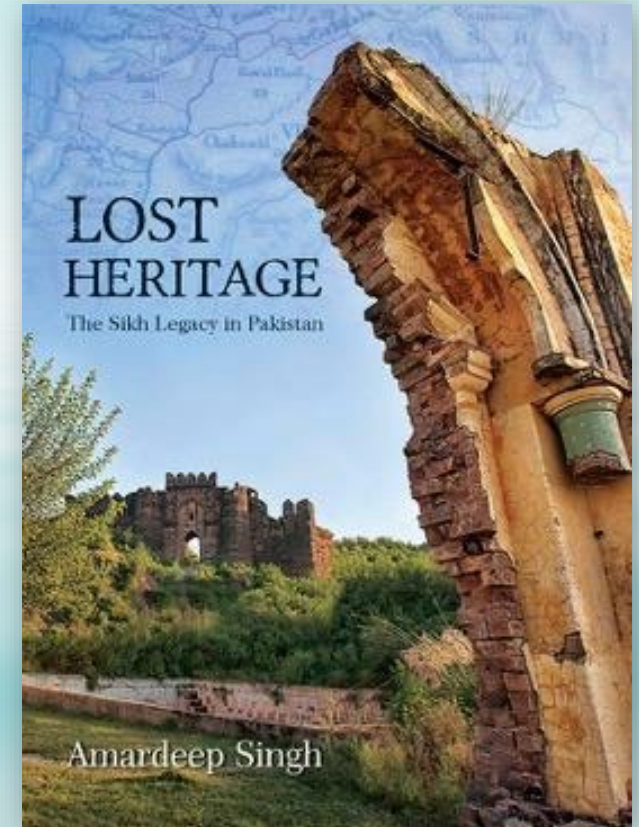


**2018**

*The Singh Twins – Slaves of Fashion*  
in collaboration with  
National Museums Liverpool

**2019**

*The Lost Heritage – Exhibition*



# OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DINNERS



**Friday,  
October 5th  
6:30 p.m.**

Home of Bicky and Gurpreet Singh, parents of Anupreet Singh '16  
2821 North Colorado Lane, Orange, CA 92867

Enjoy a traditional meal while meeting Chapman students, University officials, faculty, staff, alumni and local Indian community leaders. The evening will also feature the art of Mehndi, by Ziba Beauty Artists.

Guest Speaker: Immigration Attorney Sean Singh

RSVP to Junko Takada by September 21st  
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**CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY** | Center for Global Education



Traditional Indian Dinner

Welcoming our International Students

October 5, 2018 | 6:30 PM | Home of Bicky and Gurpreet Singh

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Home of Center for Global Education

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International Student Welcome Dinner  
2017

20 Photos - Updated 10 months ago

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2017 International Student Welcome Dinner Event!

**Join Us for a traditional indian dinner**  
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The transportation will be provided from 6:00pm-7:00pm back.

**CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY** | CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

# The Fabric of Punjab, the art of the Singh Twins: November 2018

## Exhibit Dates: November 17, 2018 – April 30, 2019

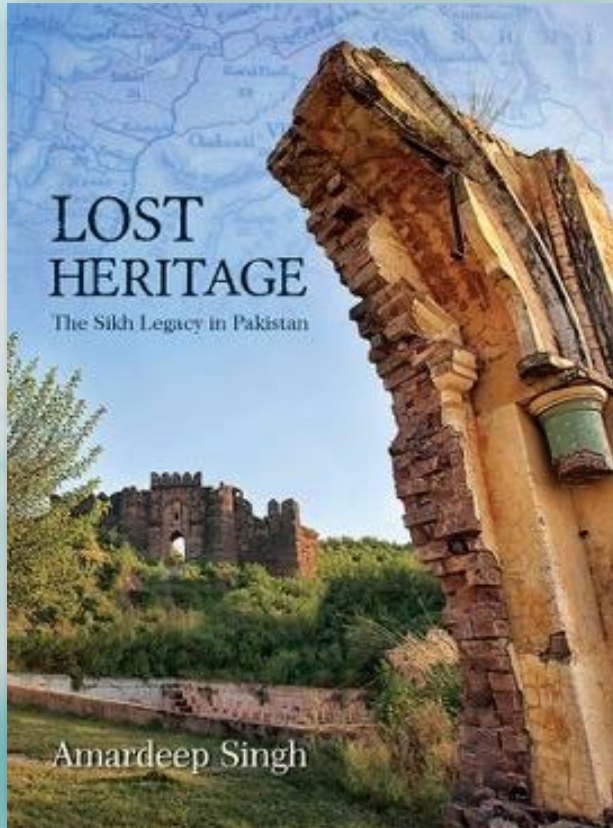
*The Exhibit...*



## The overflow...



# UPCOMING EXHIBITS IN THE LEATHERBY LIBRARIES



**2019**

**LOST HERITAGE: The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan,  
A Glimpse of Guru Nanak's Travels**



## EXPANDING INTO OTHER AREAS

Bicky Singh to serve on the Chapman University Board of Governors



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Sikhs and Sikhism in America  
Group Study Room

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Students using the Sikhs and Sikhism in America Room



# REPORT OF SIKH ACTIVITIES

Lost Heritage: The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan –  
A Glimpse of Guru Nanak's Travels  
*The Exhibit...2019*






Turban Tying, Dinner Banquet and Lecture  
2019

# REPORT OF SIKH ACTIVITIES

*Banquet Ceremony  
Cabinet dedication dinner...*



# STUDENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS




SikhLens  
California Sikh Council  
Fish Interfaith Center  
Leatherby Libraries

Invite you to

## VAISAKHI CELEBRATION

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For more information, please contact:  
Jennifer Heatley at [heatley@chapman.edu](mailto:heatley@chapman.edu)


**SPECIAL EXHIBITION:  
TURBANS AND BOOK DISPLAY  
ON SIKHS AND SIKHISM  
LEATHERBY LIBRARIES, FIRST FLOOR**



# COME CELEBRATE VAISAKHI WITH US

## APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2015

**CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, FISH INTERFAITH CENTER  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM • RSVP BY APRIL 15TH TO  
JENNIFER HEATLEY AT [HEATLEY@CHAPMAN.EDU](mailto:HEATLEY@CHAPMAN.EDU)**



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Jasmine K. Singh



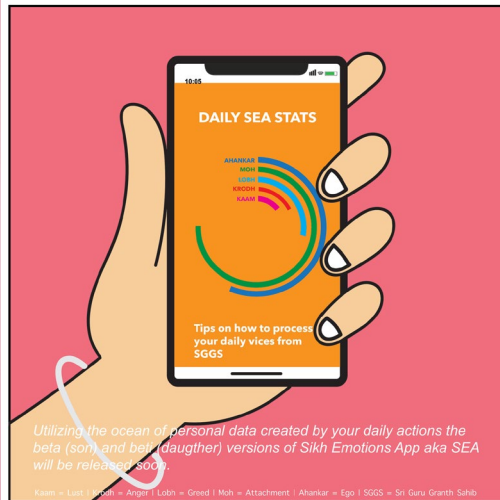
Live Music by Absolute Focus

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## The Comic Art of Vishavjit Singh

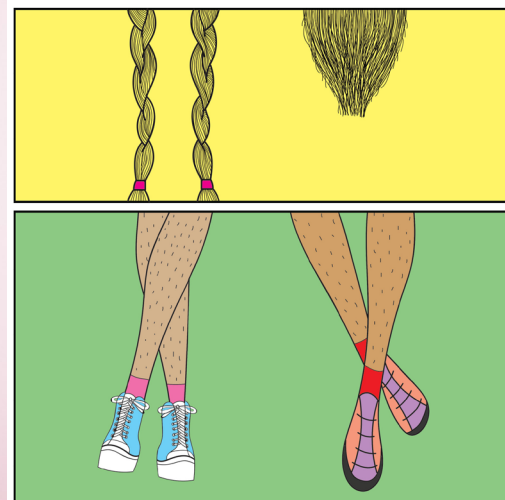


Utilizing the ocean of personal data created by your daily actions the beta (son) and beta (daughter) versions of Sikh Emotions App aka SEA will be released soon.

Karam - Lust | Pagan - Anger | Loba - Greed | Moh - Attachment | Abakar - Ego | SGGs - Sri Guru Granth Sahib

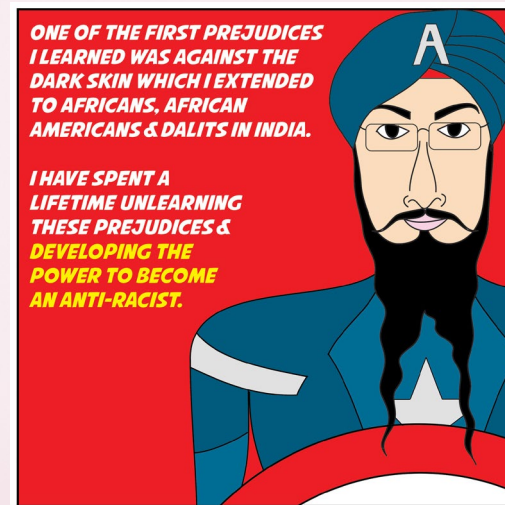
<sup>1</sup> In the Sikh tradition, five human emotional states are also described as five vices or thives that are constantly battling for attention as one seeks a way back to merge with the divine eternal energy, Ik Orkar.

<sup>2</sup> In June 2015 during the first photoshoot in uniform photographer Fiona Abdul asked five department officials if we can borrow their truck for the photoshoot. They let me have the truck to pose in for 20 minutes.



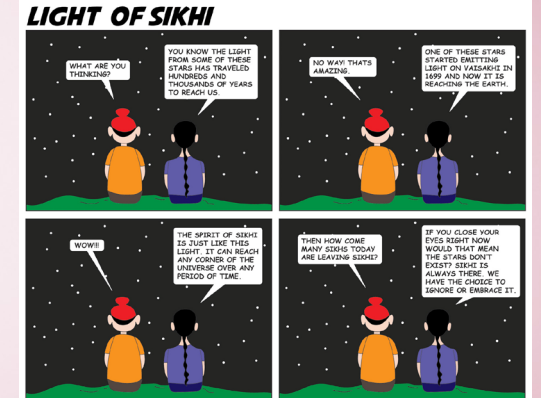
Hair has a special significance in the Sikh way of life. Considered as an extension of the body, followers of the faith are beckoned by tradition and practice to don unshorn hair. Many do and many don't. It's a knotty situation.

<sup>3</sup> I attended the Memorial Day parade in Great Neck, New York in 2016.



<sup>4</sup> South African Anti-Apartheid revolutionary and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela shared this wisdom: "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than the opposite." To vilify hate and to learn to love we have to make compassion a daily motivation in our lives. The one who paved the Sikh path, Guru Nanak Dev Ji, absorbed being as a genuine Sikh a "Game of Love." It is about the love that the creator of the cosmos pours out over us, without limit, without condition, and the unconditional love that we should try to develop for it and its creation.

<sup>5</sup> The photoshoot series was inspired by the Sikh Lives Matter movement which started in 2015. I am posing in front of Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC with a guide from award-winning race scholar and author Brian K. Ford.



<sup>6</sup> Vaisakhi which historically signals the spring harvest in the Indian subcontinent, has a special significance for the Sikh community. The tenth Sikh Guru - Guru Gobind Singh Ji formally established the Chahal Pindi, community of Sikhs and publicly introduced to the world the leadership Sikh men were entrusted with when they were "Sikh" meaning to and Sikh women "Kaur" meaning princess. The tradition carries to this day ritual in being and practicing genuine diversity, inclusion and equity.

<sup>7</sup> Me hanging with a climate change activist bear in Washington DC.

# SIKHLENS INTERFAITH PROJECT

- Funding from SikhLens for education and service allows students to create projects & educate community on Sikh-centric & Interfaith service
- OCTOBER 2015: Sending 4 students to be accompanied by Chapman University Staff



2015  
**PARLIAMENT**  
OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS  
SALT LAKE • OCT 15-19

*Reclaiming The Heart Of Our Humanity*  
Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice, and Sustainability.



WHO'S COMING TO THE PARLIAMENT?

Sikhlens Films have been seen in over 100+ Film Festivals around the world!

# DESTINATION FILMS



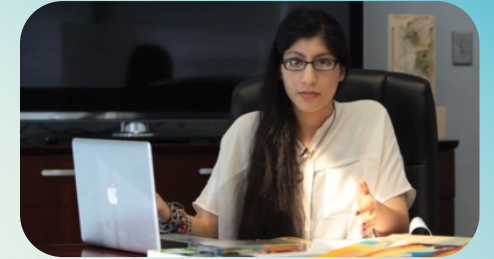
I Run While Talking to God



Proud Mothers



Sikh Farmaggio



Invisible Identity



Lions of London



Seeking ENSAAF



We're Not Strangers



Niam