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POSITIONS

2022-present Assistant Teaching Professor, Sociology, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2019 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2015 B.A., English, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Kaur, Harleen. Under contract. *Martialing Race: How Sikh Sovereignty and Imperialism Shape the Nation State*. Columbia University Press. [delivery to Press by August 2024]

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kaur, Harleen. 2023. The Im/material, the Intimate, and the Ethnographer: Considering Practices of Ethnography for Racialized Religious Communities. *Ethnography*. (OnlineFirst, expected in print 2024)

Kaur, Harleen. 2023. "Legacies of a Martial Race: Sikh Punjabi Investment and Implication in the Police State." *Memory Studies*. (Early View, expected in print August 2024 in Issue 17, Volume 4)

Kaur, Harleen and Katie Byrd, Nadia R. Davis, and Taylor M. Williams. 2023. "Small Revolutions: Methodologies of Black Feminist Consciousness-Raising and the Politics of Ordinary Resistance." *Feminist Formations* 35(1): 47-70.

Kaur, Harleen and prabhdeep singh kehal. 2023. "Epistemic Wounded Attachments: Recovering Definitional Subjectivity through Colonial Libraries." *History & Theory* 62(2): 203-224.

Kaur, Harleen and Victoria Tran. 2023. "The Limits of Imperial Incorporation: Alternative Sociological Frameworks to Study Asian American Subjects." *Sociology Compass* 17(3): e13069.

Kaur, Harleen. 2020. "Making Citizenship, Becoming Citizens: How Sikh Punjabis Shaped the Exclusionary Politics of Belonging." *Amerasia Journal* 46(1): 107-122.

Kaur, Harleen and prabhdeep singh kehal (equal authorship). 2020. "Sikhs as Implicated Subjects in the United States: A Reflective Essay (ਵਿਚਾਰ) on Gurmat-Based Interventions in the Movement for Black Lives." *Sikh Research Journal* 5(2):68-86.

Book Chapters

Kaur, Harleen. 2022. "Radical Narrative Traditions: Communal Storytelling as a Praxis for Liberation." In *The Pedagogy of Action: Small Axe Fall Big Tree*, edited by Nesha Z. Haniff. Palgrave Macmillan.

Kaur, Harleen and Simran Jeet Singh. 2016. "Guru Nanak and the Foundation of Sikhi." In *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, edited by Florin Curta and Andrew Holt. ABC-Clío.

Kaur, Harleen. 2014. "Moving On Forward." In *Her Name Is Kaur: Sikh American Women Write about Love, Courage, and Faith*, edited by Meeta Kaur and Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh. She Writes Press.

Solicited Book Reviews & Short Essays

Kaur, Harleen. 2023. "Review of Archipelagos of Resettlement: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and Decolonization across Guam and Israel-Palestine by Eryn Lê Espiritu Gandhi." *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*.

Kaur, Harleen. 2021. "Review of Amritsar 1984: A City Remembers by Radhika Chopra." *Journal of Sikh and Punjab Studies* 28(2):351-354.

Kaur, Harleen. 2020. "The Potency of Sikh Memory: Time Travel and Memory Construction in the Wake of Disappearance," Book Colloquium for Faith, Gender, and Activism in the Punjab Conflict: The Wheat Fields Still Whisper by Mallika Kaur. *Sikh Research Journal* 5(2):96-99.

Kaur, Harleen. 2021. "Learning from Du Bois: Distinguishing activism and science amidst racialized modernity." *ASA-IPM Newsletter*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Manuscripts In Preparation

Kaur, Harleen. The specter and postmemory of 1984 in western diasporic Sikh advocacy. (Invited paper for *Sikh Formations* special issue on 40th anniversary of 1984 Sikh genocide)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2022- | Arizona State University, Department of Sociology Teaching Assistant Professor <i>Undergraduate level:</i> Social Inequalities, Social Change, Aging & the Life Course <i>Graduate level:</i> Research Methods, Leadership & Social Change, Diversity |
| | Barnard College, Department of Sociology TA – Race, Ethnicity, and Society (Angela Simms, Sp'22) [online] |
| 2021 | Barnard College, Department of Sociology TA – Metropolitics of Race & Place (Angela Simms, Su'21) [online] University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology TA – Sociology of Violence (Aliza Luft, Sp'21) [online] |
| 2020 | Barnard College, Department of Sociology TA – Race, Ethnicity, and Society (Angela Simms, F'20) [online] |
| 2019 | University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology TA – Sociology of Violence (Aliza Luft, Sp'19) |

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Curriculum Vitae

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| | TA – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity: Considering the University (Karida Brown, W'19) |
| 2018 | TA – Death, Suicide, and Trauma (Stefan Timmermans, F'18) |
| 2014-2015; | University of Michigan, Pedagogy of Action |
| 2016-2017 | Teaching Assistant for Pedagogy of Empowerment: Activism in Race, Gender, & Health |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-2022 | York University, Department of Politics Research Assistant, Dr. Jakeet Singh, Assistant Professor |
| 2014-2017 | University of Michigan, Department of Afro-American and African Studies Research Assistant and HIV Peer Educator, Dr. Nesha Z. Haniff, Senior Lecturer |

GRANTS

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| 2021-2022 | Rising Leaders Fellowship, Sojourners (\$6,500) |
| 2021-2022 | International Institute Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA (\$1,550) |
| 2020-2021 | Sanctuary Spaces Sawyer Seminar Writing Group, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy (\$1,500) |
| 2020 | Graduate Council Diversity Summer Fellowship, UCLA (\$8,000) |
| 2020 | Institute of American Cultures Research Grant, Asian American Studies Center, UCLA (\$6,250) |
| 2019-2020 | Graduate Research Mentorship Program, Graduate Division, UCLA (\$25,000) |
| 2019 | Summer Funding, Sociology Department, UCLA (\$2,000) |
| 2019 | Research Travel Grant, Canadian Studies, UCLA (\$1,000) |
| 2018 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, Graduate Division, UCLA (\$6,000) |

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2022 | Service Award for work on Graduate Admissions, Department of Sociology, UCLA |
| 2019 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA |
| 2017-2022 | Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA (\$25,000) |
| 2015-2016 | Bonderman Fellowship, Center for Global and Intercultural Study, U of Michigan (\$20,000) |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“‘Revolutionary Love Has Freed Me More Times Than One’: Liberation Praxis Imagined by Sikh Youth.”
12th Annual Decolonizing Conference, University of Toronto, November 2023.

“Standing Apart, Building Together: Transnational Feminist Praxes in Decoloniality and Self-Determination.”
National Women’s Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, October 2023. [virtual]

“Archival Half-Life: Degeneration and Decay in the Postcolonial Archive.” Social Science History
Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

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“Statecraft and Borderwork: Emerging Frontiers of Political and Social Representation in Colonial Punjab.” Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2022.

“‘Revolutionary Love Has Freed Me More Times Than One’: Liberation Praxis Imagined by Sikh Youth.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2022.

“Imperial Racecraft: a Du Boisian framework of Sikh subjectivity.” Beyond Militarism conference, University of Cambridge, September 2022. [virtual]

“Statecraft and Borderwork: Emerging Frontiers of Political and Social Representation in Colonial Punjab.” Session on Decolonizing the Sociology of Law: Gender, Race, and the Global South, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022.

“Saving Empire, Protecting the State: How a British ‘Martial Race’ Legacy Informs Sikh Punjabi Projects of Belonging in the US.” Session on Challenging Legal Heritages, Global Meeting on Law & Society, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon, July 2022. [virtual]

“The Im/material, the Intimate, and the Ethnographer: Considering Practices of Ethnography for Racialized Religious Communities.” Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Wisconsin, April 2022. [virtual]

“Intellectual Wounded Attachments: Definitional Recoveries with Colonial Libraries and Epistemes” with prabdeep singh kehal. American Association of Religion Annual Conference, November 2021. [virtual]

“Statecraft and Borderwork: Emerging Frontiers of Political and Social Representation in Colonial Punjab.” New Directions in Law and Society: A Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop; Center for Justice, Law, and Societies; University of Massachusetts, October 2021. [virtual]

“Intellectual Wounded Attachments: Discursive Repair or Colonial Persistence?” with prabdeep singh kehal. Thinking at the border: Post- and decolonial theory and epistemic injustice, Department of Education, University of Oxford, September 2021. [virtual]

“Committing to Abolition: A Decolonial, Anti-Imperial Framework for Asian Diaspora Studies” with Victoria Tran, American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2021. [virtual]

“Shifting Embodiments of Whiteness: How Sikh Punjabis Solidified the Color Line.” Junior Scholars Symposium on Race & Ethnicity in Global Perspectives, Boston University, Boston, MA, April 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic]

“The Specter of Khalistan: Hauntings of Nation-State Belonging.” Mnemonics Summer School: Memory and Activism, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, September 2019.

“Erasures of Identity Formation: How US Sikhs Use Whiteness for Visibility.” Critical Perspectives on Race and Human Rights: Transnational Re-Imaginations, Junior Scholars Workshop, UCLA Law School, Los Angeles, CA, March 2019.

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Curriculum Vitae

“Sikh Values are American Values?— How Identity-Based Violence Shapes the Sikh Diaspora.” Sikholars Conference, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, February 2018.

“Stigma and Status: Challenging the Notion of Empowerment through POA.” Celebrating 15 Years of the Pedagogy of Action in South Africa, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, June 2015.

INVITED LECTURES & PANELS

Queering the Revolution: Sikh x Palestine Solidarity Teach-In, December 2023. [virtual]

“Social Change Ecosystem,” with Deepa Iyer, Bay Area Solidarity Summer, August 2021. [virtual]

“ਦਸਤਾਰ ਬੰਨ੍ਹਣ ਲਈ ਬਲੂਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ (blueprints for tying a dastaar),” Vancouver Art Gallery Art Connects Series, with Simranpreet Anand and Gabrielle Moser, August 2021. [virtual]

“ਨਾ ਭੁੱਲੇ ਹਾਂ, ਨਾ ਭੁੱਲਾਂਗੇ (We Haven’t Forgotten and We Won’t Forget),” Jakara Movement, July 2021. [virtual]

“Meet Me at the Gurdwara’: Reorienting Sikh Collective Organizing through Historical Ethics of Responsibility,” Sikh Coalition Social Justice Summit, December 2020. [virtual]

“Gurbani as a Guide for Sikhs in the Movement for Black Lives,” Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) 2020 Racial Justice Series, October 2020. [virtual]

“Sikh Reflection on Black Lives Matter Movement”, UNITED SIKHS Webinar, July 2020. [virtual]

“Identities in Flux: Identity Politics for Sikh Immigrants through the Combahee River Collective and Settler Colonialism.” with prabhdeep singh kehal, Surat Initiative, January 2020.

“White Supremacy and Institutional Belonging.” Speaking of Sikhs Lecture Series, Sikhs of Princeton, Princeton University, November 2019.

SERVICE & OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 2021- | <i>Sikh Research Journal</i> , Co-Lead Editor |
| 2021-2023 | SAFAR Sikh Feminist Research Institute, Executive Board Member |
| 2018-2024 | <i>Kaur Life</i> Magazine, Executive Board Member |
| 2021-2022 | UCLA Sociology, Graduate Admissions Committee Member |
| 2018-2019 | Co-coordinator of Race & Ethnicity Working Group, UCLA Sociology |

SKILLS

Languages: Punjabi (heritage speaker), Spanish (intermediate fluency), Farsi (learning)

Technical/Software: Website design (Wordpress & Squarespace), Mailchimp, Zotero, Descript