

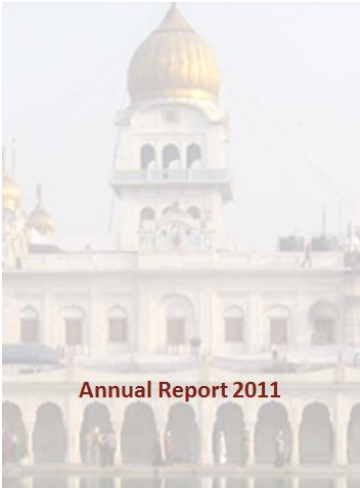


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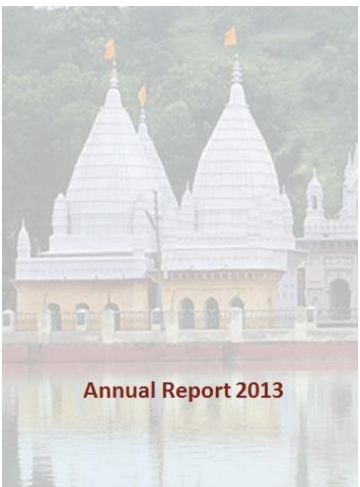
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Professor Ved P. Nanda
Chair of the Board
Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies
Denver, Colorado

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Once again, during calendar year 2012, the vision of Professor Mahinder Uberoi continued to flourish through the vital work of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. It is a distinct honor for me to serve as Chair of the trustees of the Foundation. I treasure the association with my fellow trustees, and I am blessed to have the collegial friendships of the many experts in Dharmic traditions who have become such a valuable part of the Foundation's work.

In 2012, the Board of Trustees returned to Denver, Colorado, for our annual Experts Meeting. This year, our emphasis was placed on a practical working session. In particular, the experts who gathered with us in mid-October helped the Foundation to strategize on our two principle priorities – namely, 1) Training U.S. School Teachers to Teach about the Dharmic Traditions, and 2) Correcting the Distortions and the Inadequacies of Dharmic Traditions in North American Textbooks. The insight and creativity of our experts propelled the Foundation forward significantly, as we lay the groundwork for our potential impact in 2013 and beyond.

Special appreciation for our Experts Meeting 2012 goes to Dr. Bal Ram Singh and Dr. Maureen Hall of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for leading the discussion of the Foundation's priority work placed on teacher training. Similarly, we are especially grateful to Dr. Shiva Bajpai of California State University Northridge and to Paramacharya Sadasivanathaswami and Acharya Arumuganathaswamy of "Hinduism Today" for leading us in the discussion of our priority work placed on Dharmic traditions as presented in North American textbooks. In addition, the Experts Meeting 2012 ended with several brief presentations on pivotal work underway by likeminded organizations, including contributions from Shekhar Shastri of the Meru Education Foundation and Dr. Manohar Shinde of the Dharma Civilization Foundation.

In 2012, the trustees of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies allocated \$188,000 in grants to 13 organizations. Recipients ranged from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (which one again hosted a tremendously substantive week of teacher training at its campus during the summer) to the Southern California School of Theology and the Hindu American Foundation, to name just a few. A complete description of grant recipients appears in Section II of this Annual Report.

On behalf of the trustees of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies, allow me once again to thank the many experts and supporters of the Foundation's work. The collaboration, synergy, and friendship which continue to develop with each passing year bring knowledge and joy, and we are eternally grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Ved P. Nanda



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Vision and Mission

Mahinder Uberoi saw a world of many facets. He cherished the Dharmic tradition that was his birthright and felt its power as a vehicle for spiritual awakening and fulfillment. Professor Uberoi grasped the breadth of this tradition across the land of its origin and its range of experiences known as Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism.

The Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies is Mahinder Uberoi's legacy. After his death in November 2006, a will was read in which he wrote, "I leave all my assets for the scholarly study of Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, and other related religions and their music and arts." In order to honor his wishes, the Foundation was established on November 14, 2007, to encourage and support the work of scholars in these Dharmic traditions and to extend the reach of this knowledge in the United States in particular. The Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies provides a unique opportunity for the scholars of these traditions to explore their common ties in the Dharmic source.

The mission of the Foundation is summarized in these few words: *The Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies serves to raise awareness of the four major Dharmic religions of Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism in an effort to promote understanding, communication, tolerance, and peace among the diverse peoples of the world.*



Mahinder Uberoi: The Invisible Benefactor



Mahinder Singh Uberoi was born in Delhi, India shortly after World War I, on March 13, 1924. He ultimately earned a doctorate degree in engineering and lived for most of his adult life in the United States, primarily in Boulder, Colorado. Professor Uberoi passed away in 2006 as a retired academic having chosen to live with very little pretense and ostentation. His wealth, however, was considerable, and his assets today help to raise awareness of Dharmic religions in an effort to promote understanding, communication, tolerance and peace in the world.

Education

Professor Uberoi grew up in Sialkot, India, and received a bachelors of science degree from Punjab University in 1944. Subsequently, he studied in the United States, earning a masters degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1946 and a doctorate degree in engineering from the Johns Hopkins University in 1952.

Academic Leadership

Professor Uberoi began his academic career on the faculty of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Michigan from 1953 until 1963. During that period, in 1958, he earned early professional distinction as a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellow at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

In 1963, Professor Uberoi moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he lived for more than forty years until his death in 2006. From 1963 to 1975, he served as the chairman of the Department of Aerospace Engineering Sciences at the University of Colorado. Four U.S. astronauts graduated from the Department during those years, including Ellison Onizuka who died with other members of his distinguished crew aboard the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

As chairman, Professor Uberoi added faculty and advanced basic research in the fields of fluid mechanics, modern control systems, and the biological sciences. Adolf Busemann, the father of

supersonic aerodynamics, joined the department in 1963. Much of Professor Uberoi's academic career involved research and teaching far from his adopted city of Boulder, Colorado. In 1966, he was an exchange scientist with the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Between 1972 and 1974, he was an invited professor at the University of Quebec, followed thereafter in 1974 as a visiting scientist at the Max Planck Institute of Astrophysics in Munich. From 1975 to 1976, Professor Uberoi was an honorary research fellow at Harvard University, and he returned to the University of Colorado between 1981 and 1982 as a Croft professor.

Scientific Achievement

Professor Uberoi made innumerable contributions to scholarly literature during his career, on topics such as turbulent flow, magneto-hydrodynamics, and combustion. He was the editor of *Cosmic Gas Dynamics* by Evry Schatzman and Ludwig Bierman. He served on the steering committees associated with the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics from 1966 to 1969 and with the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences from 1967 to 1969 at the University of Colorado. He organized the all-university Seminar on Environment and Public Policy from 1970 until 1975. He directed and organized a science of flight program of High School Honors Institute from 1968 to 1974, directed the Summer Institute for Disadvantaged High School Students in 1969, and directed and lectured in the Pre-Engineering Program for many years.

Posthumous Orientation

Mahinder Uberoi passed away on November 25, 2006. He never married and had no children. In 1986, twenty years before his death, he signed his last will and testament. In that document, Professor Uberoi ordered that his assets be used to establish a foundation "for the scholarly study of Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, and other related religions and their music and arts." In implementing his mission, he made it clear that his intent was not to proselytize. "Scholars need not have any particular faith or beliefs," he wrote. To carry out his mission, Professor Uberoi intentionally left much judgment to the men and women who would be named as trustees of the foundation. Nevertheless, by way of example, he wrote, "Obvious candidates for support are persons who are regularly engaged in scholarly work, such as universities, institutes, and religious centers."

Deploying the assets of Professor Uberoi upon his death, the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies requested and subsequently received authorization as a tax-exempt private foundation by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service on December 13, 2007. The five founding trustees of the Foundation wish to express particular gratitude to a former student of Professor Uberoi, Mr. Randy Nishiyama, for his tireless and selfless work in helping to lay the groundwork for the Foundation. Along with founding trustee, Parveen Setia, Mr. Nishiyama provided a most thoughtful and invaluable service in memory of the man who was once his educator.



Board of Trustees



Professor Ved P. Nanda
Chair, Board of Trustees

Professor Ved P. Nanda is John Evans University Professor and Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law at the Sturm College of Law, University of Denver and serves as Director of the International Legal Studies Program there. In 2006 Professor Nanda was honored with the founding of the Nanda Center for International Law. He was also Vice Provost at the University of Denver from 1994-2008, and since 2007 he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. He holds or has held numerous official posts in international, regional, and national professional and civil society organizations.

Among numerous national and international awards, he has received the World Jurist Association's Highest Order of Justice and its World Legal Scholar Award, the Gandhi-King-Ikeda Award for Peace-Building from Soka Gakkai International and Morehouse College, the Human Rights Award from the United Nations Association, and Civil Rights Award from B'nai B'rith. He has received honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan and from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published, having authored or co-authored 23 books in various fields of international law and over 180 chapters and major law review articles. He is a frequent guest on television and radio and writes regularly on international issues for the *Denver Post*.



Mr. Parveen Setia
Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees

Parveen Setia, Vice-Chair, has been a US citizen since 1987. He is married to Minaxi Setia, sister-in-law of Anu Bhatia, and has three children, all in college. Mr. Setia graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and earned his MBA from Webster University, 2008. He is employed as Pharmacist Team Leader at the Lakeland Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida. He is actively involved in the Ekal Vidalya project to support education of children in Indian villages.



Mrs. Anu Bhatia
Trustee

Anu Bhatia, eldest of the three nieces of Mahinder Singh Uberoi, lives with her husband and two daughters in Delhi. She graduated from the St. Ann's Convent in Hyderabad in 1979 and obtained a diploma in Textile Designing with Distinction in 1983 and went to work for four years in a textile printing house. After she married her husband in 1984 she has managed the family textile business. Mrs. Bhatia also takes a keen interest in social activities such as raising funds for under-privileged children and has taken part in discussions regarding social issues

on the national television.

Regarding her uncle's legacy, Mrs. Bhatia says, "Living thousands of miles away, the most difficult task was finding people in U.S.A. who would take interest in fulfilling our Uncle's wishes. God has been kind and we are very fortunate to have such good friends to work with. As work progresses on the Uberoi Foundation we sincerely hope as trustees that by carefully choosing the plan of action we wish to act upon, we are able to achieve the vision of our late Uncle."



Mrs. Jyothi Bhatia
Trustee

Jyothi Bhatia lives with her husband and two daughters in Noida, on the outskirts of New Delhi. She graduated from St. Ann's High School in 1980 and completed her diploma of two years in Fashion Designing in 1982. She then worked with Paris-based garment house "Jack and Jack" for five years. She travelled extensively all over the country and to Nepal between 1982 and 1987. She has her own fashion design studio and the couple has been successfully running their own business for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Bhatia and her husband were married in 1988. He is a real estate consultant in Delhi. They have two daughters -- Sahiba (20 years) who is doing her Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA) and Vrinda (17 years) who is studying in the 10th standard.

Mrs. Bhatia is actively involved in religious activities at the "Bhakti Dham Mandir," a hillside temple and ashram in Nakuchiat, Nainital, in the Himalayas. The ashram also serves as a school to educate poor children. She says, "I thank God for this wonderful opportunity that we have, to fulfill our uncle's wishes."



Mrs. Sneha Harjai
Trustee

Sneha Harjai is the youngest of the three sisters. She graduated from Kamla Nehru College of the University of Delhi with a BA degree in Honors English. She studied travel and tourism and worked as the Travel Assistant with the Grand Hyatt Hotel for two years. She was married in 1989 to Sunil Harjai, who recently

was awarded for his success as an entrepreneur in an Indian small industry. She brought her love and experience in travel to her work with her husband in their shoe exporting business, "Siddharth Exports," for which she handles the interactions and correspondence with foreign buyers, especially in the UK, Germany, and Italy. The couple has two children.

About the Uberoi Foundation, Sneha says, "Our uncle has left us a purpose to fulfill which we hope to achieve with the help of our dear friends who head our foundation. We would like to put in our best efforts and move towards the goal of our foundation."



Executive Staff



Mr. James T. Polsfut
Executive Director and Treasurer

James Polsfut has served as the executive director of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies since 2008, as well as its Treasurer since 2011. In addition, he serves as the president of the Cordillera Foundation and as treasurer and founding CEO of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation, two charitable organizations aimed at raising funds to benefit not-for-profit organizations in Mexico.

Previously, Mr. Polsfut helped to create a private bank and trust company called First Western Trust Bank, based in Denver. In that capacity, he served as president of First Western Development Corporation, a division of the bank responsible for corporate acquisitions. During his tenure there, First Western Trust Bank grew its assets to \$3 billion under management. Earlier in his career, Mr. Polsfut served as general manager for GE Capital in Mexico City and in the United States, as Denver Mayor Federico Peña's assistant for finance for the City and County of Denver, and as an associate in the public finance office of Smith Barney.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Polsfut is active in the Denver community. Currently he chairs the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the governing body of the 28 public universities and colleges in the State of Colorado, and he also serves on the board of the University of Denver Social Science Foundation. Previously, he served as one of two founding co-chairs of Denver's Road Home, a \$50 million plan organized in metro-Denver to combat homelessness over a ten-year period, as chairman of the board of the Urban Peak shelter for homeless and runaway youth, as treasurer of the Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, and as a board member of Open World Learning, the New America High School, the Latin American Educational Foundation, and the Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities, among other organizations. Mr. Polsfut earned an undergraduate degree in Government from Harvard University and an MBA from Stanford University.



Mrs. Katharine Nanda
Secretary

Katharine Nanda, MA, JD, University of Denver, has practiced law for many years and is currently working in the criminal area through the Office of the Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel. She has been actively involved with many organizations serving the Indian community in Colorado, having served as the Chair of the Hindu Society of Colorado and a founding board member and Secretary of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (Denver).



Programmatic Summary

Since Program Inception in 2008

The Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies seeks to propel the vision of its benefactor, Professor Mahinder Uberoi, in the programmatic efforts which it undertakes. The Foundation focuses principally on annual Grant Awards and an annual Experts Meeting.

The Foundation does not accept unsolicited requests for funding, but rather, extends invitations to proposed applicants based on their areas of expertise and engagement within the Dharmic traditions. A review of the Grant Awards made in 2012 appears in Section II of this Annual Report. A summary of the Experts Meeting 2012 appears in Section III.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	Uberoi Foundation, Internal Program	<i>Experts Meeting 2008: Denver, Colorado</i>	\$ 14,150
2009	Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Uberoi Foundation, Internal Program	<i>Teacher Training in Dharmic Traditions</i> <i>Experts Meeting 2009: Orlando, Florida</i>	\$ 94,206
2010	San Diego State University Foundation Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Uberoi Foundation, Internal Program	<i>Research on Tantric Culture</i> <i>Teacher Training in Dharmic Traditions</i> <i>Experts Meeting 2010: Denver, Colorado</i>	\$ 241,902
2011	McGill University, Faculty of Religious Studies USF Foundation Inc Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Longwood University San Diego State University Research Foundation Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation The Regents of the University of Michigan Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Uberoi Foundation, Internal Program	<i>Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Conference</i> <i>Eastern and Indigenous Perspectives on Global Sustainability and Conflict Resolution</i> <i>Teacher Training in Dharmic Traditions</i> <i>Communications Studies & Dharmic Traditions</i> <i>Database and Writing</i> <i>Finalization of book on Dhama</i> <i>Sikhism Workshop</i> <i>Science and Vedanta Symposium</i> <i>Experts Meeting 2011: Los Angeles, California</i>	\$ 231,565
2012	Southern CA School of Theology Hindu American Foundation Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Univ of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation Hindu University of America, Orlando Southern CA School of Theology Southern CA School of Theology International Center for Cultural Studies University of Michigan Cambridge in America SDSU Research Foundation California State University Foundation Uberoi Foundation, Internal Program	<i>Int'l School for Jain Studies (ISJS) at Claremont Lincoln</i> <i>Dharma education outreach efforts</i> <i>Teacher Training in Dharmic Traditions</i> <i>Vedic Traditions</i> <i>Research/publishing on books by Rajiv Malhotra</i> <i>Hindu Perspective of Ageing, Death, Dying, and Euthanasia</i> <i>Dharma Studies Publishing Project</i> <i>Confluence Integrative Studies Institute Syllabus Project</i> <i>Ancient Indian Science & Spirituality to Modern Nanotechnology: Is There Congruence?</i> <i>Sikh 7-Day Seminar</i> <i>PhD studies of Varun Khanna at U of Cambridge</i> <i>Database Writing</i> <i>TeachIndia! Teacher training</i> <i>Experts Meeting 2012: Denver, Colorado</i>	\$ 247,591
Total Programmatic Outlay Since Inception in 2008:			\$ 829,414



Grant Awards in 2012

The Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies serves to raise awareness of the four major Dharmic religions of Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, in an effort to promote understanding, communication, tolerance, and peace among the diverse peoples of the world. The Foundation's primary source of grant-making revenue is investment proceeds from the perpetual endowment created by the estate of the late Professor Mahinder Singh Uberoi.

In 2012, the Foundation awarded twelve grant allocations as summarized below.

1. **Southern Calif. School of Theology:** *Int'l School for Jain Studies*
2. **Hindu American Foundation:** *Dharma Education Outreach*
3. **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation:** *Teacher Training*
4. **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation:** *Vedic Traditions*
5. **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation:** *Dharmic Writings*
6. **Hindu University of America:** *Hindu Perspective on Ageing, Death, Dying*
7. **Southern Calif. School of Theology:** *Dharma Studies Publishing Project*
8. **Southern Calif. School of Theology:** *Confluence Integrative Studies Institute*
9. **University of Michigan:** *Sikh Seminar*
10. **Cambridge in America:** *PhD Studies*
11. **San Diego State University Research Foundation:** *Database and Writing*
12. **California State University Foundation:** *TechIndia! Teacher Training*

1. **Southern California School of Theology**

Project: *International School for Jain Studies*
Applicant: Yashwant Malaiya, Colorado State University
Leads: Sulekh Jain, Claremont Lincoln University
 Philip Clayton, Claremont Lincoln University

Project Plan: The International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) at Claremont Lincoln University is a proposal developed jointly by Dr. Sulekh Jain of ISJS and Dr. Philip Clayton (with Brianne Donaldson) of Claremont Lincoln University, upon the recommendation of

Yashwant Malaiya. Specifically, Claremont Lincoln University, the first multi-religious university in the United States, has partnered with the International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) to create a new program on Jainism, the first on a Dharmic religion at Claremont Lincoln University. Claremont originally started as a theological seminary, and it now has programs on Judaism and Islam. ISJS has been involved in training potential teachers and researchers in Jain Studies. Over the past few years, the program has been intended primarily for scholars in North America. However, it has lacked a formal “home”. The center at Claremont Lincoln University became such a home in the United States upon its launch on Sept. 6, 2011.

2. Hindu American Foundation

Project: *Dharma Education Outreach*
Applicant: Aseem Shukla, Hindu American Foundation
Lead: Suhag Shukla, Hindu American Foundation

Project Plan: As adherents of Dharma traditions, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs have long maintained that their religions are presented in the popular media--both in India and the diaspora--at an asymmetric disadvantage to Abrahamic traditions. The core contention is that the tenets and practice of Dharma traditions are subject to the interpretation of Western notions of religious life and structure--leading, therefore, to a portrayal of Dharma traditions that most adherents scant recognize. The functional disconnect between journalists and Dharma adherents leading to caricaturization of Dharmic beliefs, and grossly repulsive renderings of Dharmic rituals, tenets, philosophy, and symbolism is well documented. The root of this disconnect spans a spectrum between genuine misunderstanding of Dharma traditions or a lack of familiarity with balanced/reliable resources at best, to a resolute intent to misrepresent, exoticize and eroticize at worst. The primary causative factors are the historical lack of agency to advocate appropriately and lack of participation by representatives of Dharma traditions in institutions that shape public policy and opinions.

The Hindu American Foundation has been engaged in proactive interactions with the media and American public square for nearly a decade with a carefully conceived and strategic outreach plan. The *Dharma Education Outreach* project, undertaken with support from the Uberoi Foundation, focuses on academia, in addition to other areas of emphasis. For example, in terms of academia, the Hindu American Foundation seeks to ensure a fair and accurate representation of Dharma traditions in school textbooks and university classrooms. The Foundation continues to develop relationships with academics and bestows grants to select academics who promote, through their work, a fair, accurate and balanced perspective on Dharma religions.

3. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation

Project: *High School Teacher Training in Dharmic Traditions*
Applicant/Lead: Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Project Plan: As a follow up to the pilot program implemented in August 2010, one or two week-long workshops were organized at the University of Massachusetts

Dartmouth during the summers of 2011 and 2012. By way of background, the Uberoi Foundation sponsored a pilot program held at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus, during the summer of 2010. The intended audience for the program was high school teachers, as it remains today. The objective is to broaden the teachers' views of India as a country and, in particular, of the Dharmic traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism. Eight high school teachers from the northeast of the United States took part in the pilot program held over five business days in mid-August 2010. Since then, dozens of additional teachers have taken part. The program's primary organizer is Bal Ram Singh, the director of the Center for Indic Studies at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he is also a professor of biophysical chemistry.

Over five days, individualized workshops cover a general introduction of India followed by in-depth background on Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism, and on the final day, a comprehensive conclusion. Local and regional experts lead the workshops. The participating teachers also enjoy cultural activities, such as a classical Hindustani music concert, a tour of a nearby Hindu temple, and a trial of Indian clothing such as saris, lehngas, dhotis, and kurtas. On the final day of the training, participating teachers showcase the two lesson plans they prepared throughout the week as well as their designs to continue working on eight lessons plans oriented for use in their high schools back home.

4. **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

Project: *Vedic Traditions*

Applicant/Lead: Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Project Plan: The project, entitled "Indigenous Social Democratic Institutions of the Vedic Tradition: Elements of *Praja* Democratic Philosophy and Applications in Modern Governance," aims to extrapolate the tenets, practice, functioning, and philosophical foundations of the Vedic *praja* system of social democracy, described predominantly in the epics of the Ramayana and Mahabharata and peripherally in historical sources of the period. Concepts which feature prominently in this Vedic construction of social democracy include *swadharma*, the self-regulation of the individual, *swatantra*, the self-governance of the individual, and *prayaschit*, a self-regulating system of punishment.

In addition to analysis of the *praja* system (comparable to analogous exegetical analysis of concepts such as the Greek nation-state and the Islamic *shura* tradition, both of which have become important to international relations), the project will also explore the relationship of the *praja* system to the traditional Western democratic model, and pose solutions rooted in the *praja* system to classical problems in the discourse on democracy. It will also posit implications for international development more generally based on the *praja* model and its philosophical foundations.

The project is initially to begin as an academic undertaking with production of books, position papers, and journal articles as its primary goal. However, eventual involvement with grassroots and governmental organizations in international development is the

intent. Dr. Bal Ram Singh will lead the project, with primary assistance from Ms. Shivi Chandra, who will be serving as a Research Assistant.

After its first year, the project's deliverables will include an anthology providing political, social, economic, cultural, and philosophical arguments for a *praja*-based governance system. In its second year, a conference of eminent scholars will be organized at UMass Dartmouth and at Jawaharlal Nehru University to discuss major aspects of the system.

5. **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

Project: *Dharmic Writings*
Applicant: Bal Ram Singh, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Lead: Rajiv Maholtra, Infinity Foundation

Project Plan: Infinity Foundation utilized the grant it received from the Uberoi Foundation in 2011 toward final editing and publishing of one of Rajiv Maholtra's most important books on Dharma Studies. The book was released by the prestigious publishing house, HarperCollins, in 2011. The title of the book is *Being Different: An Indian Challenge to Western Universalism*. The acknowledgment section in the book includes the following words:

The funding for the finalizing of this book during the year 2011 included a grant provided by Uberoi Foundation. For this, I thank Prof. Ved Nanda, Katherine Nanda, Anu Bhatia and Dr. Manohar Shinde, and as well Bal Ram Singh, Director of Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

In 2012, Rajiv Maholtra and the Infinity Foundation seek to create a website and promotional materials for the book, in addition to making available printed copies. The published plans to produce a major launch event, followed by a series of seminars and webinars involving several scholars representing diverse ideological views. In addition, during 2012, Infinity Foundation plans to complete a book on U-Turn Theory, which promises to be a major breakthrough in the understanding of the relevance and place of dharma on the world state.

6. **Hindu University of America**

Project: *Hindu Perspective on Ageing, Death, Dying, and Euthanasia*
Applicant: Abhinav Dwivedi, Hindu University of America
Lead: Ram Agarwal, Hindu University of America

Project Plan: Modern medical interventions and artificial mechanical life-prolonging devices have contributed to an increase of age and an increasing global ageing population. This consequently has raised a number of vexing questions such as, how to define old age? Is longer life necessarily better life? Who should decide to end life? Should life be always prolonged? Because of the contribution and appreciation of Hindu culture in the fields of yoga, health, spirituality, thought processes, and given that India is emerging as a global economic power, the world will be looking at indus to help answer these critical questions. This project incorporates two objectives:

1. To search literature and gather views on the Hindu perspective of ageing, death, dying, and euthanasia.
2. To analyze how the Hindu perspective can offer solutions to contemporary bioethical problems in a multicultural society.
3. To prepare a manual for ready reference on this subject.

7. Southern California School of Theology

Project: *Dharma Studies Publishing Project*
Applicant/Lead: Veena Rani Howard, University of Oregon

Project Plan: The *Dharma Studies Publishing Project* seeks to introduce the concept of Dharma Studies through a two-fold publishing initiative seeks to reach:

- a) undergraduate students through an introductory textbook on Dharma traditions titled *Religions of India: An Overview of History, Concepts, and Practices of Dharma Traditions*
- b) scholars and graduate students through a new international *Journal of Dharma Studies*.

Specifically, the project seeks to launch:

- 1) the first contemporary scholarly book to address the Dharma traditions as a related family of religious traditions that emerged in India with common areas of philosophy and practice, shared experiences, and a history of cross fertilization, presented in a comparative and relational style.
- 2) the first interdisciplinary *Journal of Dharma Studies* that will publish academic papers on diverse themes in Dharma Studies, presenting the experience of these living traditions through interdisciplinary lenses in order to bring out the common ground, differences, variety, and breadth of philosophies; theologies, hermeneutics, epistemologies, ethical systems, ascetic and contemplative paths, practices, arts, liturgy, ritual, music, experiences with modernity, contemporary issues, historical concerns; and much else, through a comparative model. Two issues per annum will be the initial publication release for the first and second years; by the third year, there should be three issues annually

8. Southern California School of Theology

Project: *Confluence Integrative Studies Institute Syllabus Project*
Applicant/Lead: Rita Sherma, Taksha University

Project Plan: The transmission and promotion of education in the Dharma Traditions, and application of Dharmic thought and practice, that takes the self-understanding of these traditions into serious consideration needs various modes of dissemination. These different modes of diffusion can be referred to as “vectors.”

A variety of vectors are needed for efficient dissemination of the seeds of Dharma thought and action. Mainstream universities are indeed important vectors. However, they have deeply entrenched methodologies and some have even more deeply entrenched perspectives on the nature of the sacred that stem from the Divinity Schools from which the Western discipline of Religious Studies was spawned. As a result, such institutions are unconsciously embedded in models of thought that have various

oppositional binary categories that are foreign to the original visions and practices of the Dharma traditions. Such binary categories include disjunctions such as secular-religious; sacred-profane; philosophy-theology; theism-atheism; and other classifications that bind Dharma Traditions into expressions that can be inherently reductionist or distortive. Many scholar-practitioners and what can be termed "Inter-subjective Scholars" are attempting to contest constructions of the dharmic traditions that are subject to the normative frameworks of Western religions. This is a highly worthy cause. However, changing entrenched power structures is a slow process and there are limits to the extent of change possible.

Other "vectors," that are independent of entrenched academic norms and able to offer innovative pedagogical and epistemic models, can contribute significantly to a knowledge revolution in Dharma Studies.

Confluence Integrative Studies Institute (C.I.S.I.) would be such a vector, as follows:

- A) Through its Program in Dharma Studies, C.I.S.I. offers the first graduate programs that use the methodology implied by Dharma Studies (DS). The fostering of DS is not merely about increasing curricular content on the dharmic traditions. Rather, it is a new way to study and understand these traditions. C.I.S.I. includes in its curricula, a critique of contemporary theories that inform religious studies and related fields, and it involves the acknowledgement of the shared experiences of the Dharma Traditions, viewing them in a comparative perspective through their related metaphysical categories and taxonomies of thought and practice; pluralistic worldviews; integrative perspectives on the relationship of the sacred and the mundane, and their history of fluid boundaries that resulted in creative cross-fertilization and reciprocal mimesis.
- B) Through its program in Dhurmu Chupluincy, C.I.S.I. introduces the first comprehensive program in Vedic Chaplaincy in North America. It offers Buddhist Chaplaincy programs in Theravada and Mahayana traditions as well. Chaplaincy in other dharmic traditions will be added according to heritage community interest and involvement.
- C) The Interfaith Ministry program of C.I.S.I. integrates Dharma Traditions more deeply into interfaith ministry which is the fastest growing segment of ministerial practice and has a strong global influence. The "Interfaith Ministry-Dharma Concentration" is a unique program and the first in North America to have a dharmic foundation.
- D) C.I.S.I. has, as its mission, the development of programs that foster the inculcation of dharmic modes of sustainability, integration, balance, and pluralism into major disciplines. Its plans, therefore, include the development of certification and degree programs such as Integrative Medicine (particularly with Indic and Asian therapeutic modalities); Green Architecture; Sustainable Business Models; Consciousness and Evolutionary Studies; alternate framework for Religious Studies; Contemplative Psychology; Integrative Education, and other disciplines that can be informed by dharmic philosophy and perspectives. After the initial mandatory trial period, C.I.S.I. expects to apply for accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. C. I.S.I. will begin with modest foundational programs that promote the field of Dharma Studies as the

underpinning for the planned application of dharmic systems of knowledge to other disciplines.

9. **University of Michigan**

Project: *Sikh Seminar*
Applicant/Lead: Arvind Pal-Mandair, University of Michigan

Project Plan: Beginning in July 2012, the University of Michigan will be host to an intensive, seven-day, annual summer workshop-seminar focusing on Sikh Literature, Philosophy, and Ethics. The course will be taught jointly at the University of Michigan and during the evenings at the Hidden Falls Sikh Community Center, Plymouth, Michigan. It is targeted at a joint community and college audience. Building on the tried and tested model of the annual Gurmat Camps (for pre-college age Sikhs) that have become an integral feature of Sikh American community's heritage transmission to children, this intensive summer workshop-seminar in Sikh literature, philosophy, and ethics will bring the rigor of semester-based teaching within the reach of adult Sikh communities in the USA and Canada. It will contribute greatly to the continuing education for interested student in Sikhism.

As one of North America's premier research universities, the University of Michigan has been home to an endowed chair in Sikh studies for over a decade. Despite the availability of Sikh studies courses at the University of Michigan, these courses remain unavailable to a wider section of the community. The Sikh seminar will carry the University of Michigan's usual stamp of excellence and rigor. The course is aimed at a diverse audience including (i) teachers from the Sikh community; (ii) heritage and non-heritage students; (iii) undergraduate students from across North America; (iv) members of the general community; and (v) non-Sikh professionals working in education, police, welfare, and other specializations.

10. **Cambridge in America**

Project: *PhD Studies*
Applicant: Manohar Shinde, Dharma Civilization Foundation
Lead: Varun Khanna, University of Cambridge

Project Plan: One means to further the will of Mahinder Uberoi is to fund the careful selection of promising students for PhD degrees in Dharma Studies. By way of a grant allocation in 2012, the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies committed to support such a student, Varun Khanna, who is matriculating in his first year toward a PhD in Hinduism at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Khanna was born in Kansas and earned a BA in mathematics at Saint Louis University. He then studied at the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan before earning an MPhil in Sanskrit at the University of Cambridge. In describing Mr. Khanna, Dr. Shinde writes: "I have come across a young student who has profoundly impressed me by his love and passion, tenacity, hard work, dedication, commitment and vision for pursuit of cultivating scholarship, by a creative combination of traditional and contemporary learning."

11. San Diego State University Research Foundation

Project: *Database and Writing*
Applicant: Manohar Shinde, Dharma Civilization Foundation
Lead: Sthaneshwar Timalina, San Diego State University

Project Plan: The database project brings together online information on the scholars working in the four Dharma traditions of Sikhism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. The objective is to provide comprehensive information on current scholarship in these disciplines for the layman and scholar alike. This research, when searched with keywords, can identify tendencies of current research, help to understand emerging and future trends, and assist policy makers in focusing on specific areas that need greater attention. This project also gives detailed information about current publications whereby laymen and scholars can evaluate objective studies in these areas.

In order to demonstrate the visible imbalance in textual information on the Dharma traditions, this project also organized a small symposium that involved ten scholars from eight different universities. The focus of the symposium was to explore alternate methods of teaching Dharma traditions by engaging contemplative approach and encouraging writers to engage in writing introductory textbooks.

This project also gathered insights from other scholars not yet directly involved in the project in order to explore the relevant and urgent issues that deserve the attention of the Uberoi Foundation.

12. California State University Foundation

Project: *TeachIndia! Teacher Training*
Applicant: Shiva Bajpai, California State University, North Ridge
Lead: Tim Keirn, California State University, Long Beach

Project Plan: The *TeachIndia!* Pilot Project is a collaborative effort among the Uberoi Foundation, the Yadunandan Center and the California State University Long Beach History Project.

Over the summer of 2012, ten middle and high school teachers from Long Beach Unified School will attend a week of workshops where they will meet with a number of local scholars (e.g. Dr. SarDesai from UCLA) who will present lectures relating to Indian religious and artistic traditions as well as history. The teacher participants will read a number of scholarly books and articles pertaining to the history of early and modern India. The participants will meet with faculty from CSULB (Professors Arnold Kaminsky and Tim Keirn) in a seminar-type format for deep and extensive discussion of these texts. Participants and historians also will read and discuss a number of primary texts as well (e.g., the Ramayana). In addition, the teacher participants will work with David Neumann – the Director of the History Project at CSULB – to consider effective instructional practices to deliver the scholarly content and concepts that were learned into appropriate lessons for middle and high school students. During the fall, the ten

teacher participants will continue to meet with Kaminsky, Keirn and Neumann as they develop, modify, and perfect the important curricular materials that are the product of this pilot.



ANNUAL EXPERTS MEETING

Beginning in its first year of operation in 2008, the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies has placed a high priority on gathering together experts from the four Dharmic traditions – in one city and in one room, in order to share, collaborate, brainstorm, and engage. A brief recap of the Experts Meetings held to-date follows below.

2008: During its first year of operation, in October of 2008, the Uberoi Foundation hosted in Denver, Colorado, more than a dozen renowned scholars of Dharmic traditions. The scholars used their time together to sketch out the contours of the Foundation’s work. Representatives of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism were on hand in person, and a representative of Sikhism was present by conference call. Remarkably, the scholars noted how unusual it was for them to be together to reflect on the common threads that bind these Dharmic traditions and that, as scholars, they rarely, if ever, have that opportunity. It was a wonderful and meaningful beginning to the work that the Foundation had launched.

2009: Over two days in late October of 2009, the Foundation organized a second opportunity to meet with scholars. To participate in its “Uberoi Foundation Experts Meeting,” on location in Orlando, Florida, the Foundation invited twenty academicians to collaborate with its five-member board of trustees in three joint sessions. In the months leading up to the sessions, the Foundation announced its intention at the Experts Meeting to delve deeply into the commonalities of the four Indic Dharmic traditions as well as into the ways in which those traditions contribute to society. For the Experts Meeting, Shiva Bajpai prepared a paper on *Theism: The Ultimate Reality* and Arvind-Pal Mandair and Bal Ram Singh prepared a paper on *Karma*.

2010: The Foundation’s Experts gathered in Denver in October of 2010 at the Iliff School of Theology. Over two full days of fast-paced discourse, the Experts revealed their considerable talents and scope. In so doing, they demonstrated an exceptionally high level of academic rigor in their



At the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado:
Participants in the 2010 Experts Meeting

presentations and conversations. Deliberations at the Experts' Meeting and the lively exchanges among the scholars very successfully met the lofty charge set by the organizer, Dr. Arvind Sharma, who selected the topic of "Decolonizing Indic Studies."

2011: In the beginning of October in 2011, the Foundation's Experts had the pleasure of meeting over two days in Los Angeles, California, with the significant assistance of co-sponsors Loyola Marymount University and Nalanda International. The 2011 Uberoi Foundation Experts Meeting, entitled "In Our Own Voices: Dharma Education in North America," sought to facilitate the emergence of innovative and creative theories, approaches, and methods to education and scholarship in Hindu, Jain, Buddhist and Sikh Dharma traditions. "In Our Own Voices" drew attention to the fact that Dharma traditions are not at the center of the dominant global discourse on contemporary issues and challenges. The voices (wisdom and discernment) of the Dharma traditions are currently on the margins. Yet they are of great significance and relevance to the crises that face humanity. The on-going goal is to position the insights of Dharma as integral to addressing these challenges. The term "In Our Own Voices" does not refer to who is talking or writing but rather refers to which lens is being used to define and understand the Dharma traditions.

2012: In mid-October of 2012, the Experts of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies once again had the opportunity to meet together over a period of two days. Gathering in Denver, Colorado, the Experts began with reflections on the tragic attack brought upon the Sikh Gurdwara in Wisconsin earlier that year. The Experts then turned their attention to practical, in-depth discussions on the two programmatic priorities of the Uberoi Foundation – namely, training U.S. school teachers in Dharmic traditions and correcting distortions and inadequacies of Dharmic traditions in North American textbooks. The Experts concluded their time together by sharing brief presentations of pivotal work underway on each of these two programmatic priorities by likeminded organizations and experts.



UBEROI FOUNDATION EXPERTS MEETING 2012

Denver, Colorado: October 19 to 21, 2012

AGENDA

Friday, October 19, 2012

From 3:00 **Arrival at the Stapleton Doubletree hotel**
Greet in Lobby

5:00 to 6:00 **Welcome Reception -- Tea and Snacks**
Location: Room 627



Participants in the Experts Meeting 2012, outside the Daniels Fund in Denver, Colorado

6:00 - 7:15

Session I

Location: Crystal III Ballroom

Reflections on the Attack on the Sikh Gurdwara in Wisconsin,
Mrs. Gurvrinder (Gudy) Grewal, MSW, Denver

Reflections on the State of the Dharmic Traditions in North America
Dr. Shiva Bajpai, California State University Northridge

Dr. Arvind Sharma, McGill University, Montreal

7:30

Dinner

Location: Crystal III Ballroom

Saturday, October 20, 2012

7:45 to 8:45

Breakfast Meeting

Location: Crystal Ballroom 3

Session 2: Uberoi Foundation Priority #1:

Training U.S. School Teachers to Teach About the Dharmic Traditions

Presentation: Dr. Bal Ram Singh, Dr. Maureen Hall
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

9:00

Transport to Daniels Fund, 101 Monroe Street, Denver
Meet at Lobby for transportation

9:30 to 10:00

Session 3: Presentation on Uberoi Priority #1, continued

10:00 to 11:00

Session 4: Discussion on Expanding the Teacher Training Centers

11:00 to 11:30

Session 4a: Breakout Groups on Uberoi Foundation Priority #1

- How can Uberoi add value?
- Where should Uberoi concentrate?
- How will Uberoi's impact be monitored?

11:30 to 12:00

Session 4b: Report Out on Session 4a

12:00

Lunch

12:30 to 1:30

Session 4c: Discussion and Plan for Engagement on Uberoi Foundation Priority #1

- 1:30 to 2:30 **Session 5: Uberoi Foundation Priority #2:**

Correcting the Distortions and Inadequacies of Dharmic Traditions in North American Textbooks
- Presentation: Dr. Shiva Bajpai
Paramacharya Sadasivanathaswami, Acharya Arumuganathaswamy,
(Editor and Managing Editor, respectively, of *Hinduism Today*);
Samir Kalra and Rishi Bhutada (Hindu American Foundation)
- 2:30 to 3:00 **Session 5a: Breakout Groups on Uberoi Foundation Priority #2**
- How can Uberoi add value?
 - Where should Uberoi concentrate?
 - How will Uberoi's impact be monitored?
- 3:00 to 3:30 **Session 5b: Report Out on Session 5a**
- 3:30 to 4:00 **Session 5c: Discussion and Plan for Engagement on Uberoi Foundation Priority #2**
- 4:00 Transport to Doubletree Hotel
- 6:00 Transport to India Express for Dinner
- 6:30 **Session 6: Dinner and Presentation**

Sunday, October 21, 2012

- 7:30 to 8:30 **Breakfast**
Location: Crystal III Ballroom
- 8:30 to 11:30 **Session 7a: Brief Presentations of Pivotal Work Underway by Likeminded Organizations and Experts**
- Session 7b: Final Discussion and Planning on Uberoi Foundation Priorities #1 and #2 and Reflection on Priorities for the Coming Year for Work on Spreading Awareness of the Dharmic Traditions**
- Session 7c: Forecast of the 2013 Experts Meeting**
- Session 7d: Wrap-Up**
- 11:30 **Lunch and Departure**

Uberoi Foundation Experts Meeting 2012

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Participants

(in alphabetical order)



Acharya Arumuganathaswami, a member of the Ganapati Kulam, is the Managing Editor of Hinduism Today magazine, our internationally renowned religious journal. He coordinates dozens of journalists, photographers and writers around the globe, assigning their quarterly projects, assembling their writings and reports. Arumuganathaswami works to assure the purity of dharma and the protection of Hinduism in the media. He is currently working with priest schools in India to transcribe the Agamas and is developing illustrated books for Hindu teens, focusing on life lessons and moral learning. Acharya chants Sri Rudram during the sacred morning fire ceremony held weekly, attended by family members and pilgrims. He is instrumental in monastery construction projects and on retreat days oversees Himalayan Acres, our 312-acre agricultural lands on which we cultivate fruit trees, hardwoods, palms and specimen trees.



Dr. Shiva G. Bajpai, Ph.D. served as Professor of History and Director of Asian Studies at California State University, Northridge, Los Angeles, from 1970 to 2003; as Professor Emeritus continued to teach (2003-2009). He has BA and MA from the Banaras Hindu University and Ph.D. from SOAS, University of London, UK. He also taught at the Banaras Hindu University, India, (1958-68) and worked at the University of Minnesota (1967-70). He has received many awards including an AHS-NSF Senior Fellowship and AHA & AAS best book awards for his coauthored work; a regular Examiner of Ph.D. theses of many Indian Universities. He has published, many articles on various aspects of Indian history and culture including contributions to Hindi Vishvakosha (Encyclopedia) and Encyclopedia of Asian History. He co-authored a major reference work: A Historical Atlas of South Asia (1978: University of Chicago Press & Updated 2nd edition. 1992: Oxford University Press; 2005: The Digital Library of South Asia, Chicago University Press.) His forthcoming books and works in progress include The Empire-State (Raja-Mandala): Dynamics of Geopolitics in Classical India; Trade and Patterns of Commerce in early Medieval North India (c.700-1200 C.E); India through the Chinese Buddhist Pilgrims' Eyes; and Early India in World History Following the California Textbooks

Controversy, he has collaborated with the Hinduism Today in their publications) of Hindu History Lesson Supplements in 5 parts, (2007 & 2010) to the World History School textbooks.



Ms. Anju Bhargava is a Strategic Business Transformation and Risk Management senior professional and management consultant with over two decades of experience consulting/working for major companies globally. She has provided thought leadership in the public and private sectors, published papers and received many awards. Her distinctive research based approach leverages best practices from many spheres - education, government, civic, faith based, and corporate. Her pioneering initiatives include an internationally cited study on loan loss published by RMA Journal and recognized by OCC; a target marketing effort "Capitalizing Diversity in the Changing Financial Markets"; Chakravayuhu (labyrinth) education program to mentor corporate women.

A change catalyst pioneer and social entrepreneur, Ms. Bhargava now volunteers with the Livingston Township, Interfaith Clergy Association and diverse residents to build healthy communities with cross-cultural inclusion. A Vedantic teacher/ordained pujarin, she strives to combine philosophy and practice from a contemporary view. She is the only Hindu woman to lead the opening invocation prayer at Livingston's Memorial Day Service and the NJ State Assembly on May 20, 2010, observing Asian American month. She started the first professional networking forum in New York, South Asian in Corporate America. Ms. Bhargava was the only Indian-American to serve in the Community Builder Fellowship, President Clinton's White House initiative. She is a member of President Obama's Inaugural Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, founder of Hindu American Seva Charities, President of Asian Indian Women in America, and Trustee of Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions



Mrs. Anu Bhatia is a trustee of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. She is eldest of the three nieces of Mahinder Singh Uberoi and lives with her husband and two daughters in Delhi. Mrs. Bhatia graduated from the St. Ann's Convent in Hyderabad in 1979 and obtained a diploma in Textile Designing with Distinction in 1983 and went to work for four years in a textile printing house. After she married her husband in 1984 she has managed the family textile business. Mrs. Bhatia also takes a keen interest in social activities such as raising funds for under-privileged children and has taken part in discussions regarding social issues on the national television.

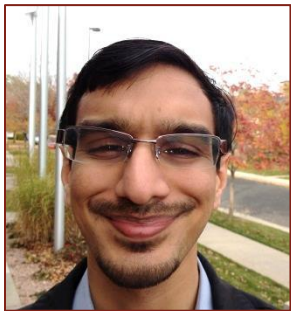
Regarding her uncle's legacy, Mrs. Bhatia says, "Living thousands of miles away, the most difficult task was finding people in U.S..A. who would take interest in fulfilling our Uncle's wishes. God has been kind and we are very fortunate to have such good friends to work with. As work progresses on the Uberoi Foundation we sincerely hope as trustees that by carefully choosing the plan of action we wish to act upon, we are able to achieve the vision of our late Uncle."



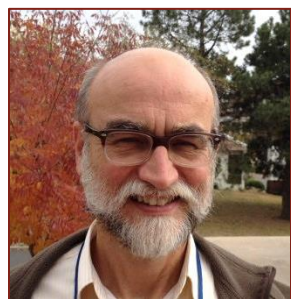
Mrs. Jyothi Bhatia is a trustee of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. She lives with her husband and two daughters in Noida, on the outskirts of New Delhi. Mrs. Bhatia graduated from St. Ann's High School in 1980 and completed her diploma of two years in Fashion Designing in 1982. She then worked with Paris-based garment house "Jack and Jack" for five years. She travelled extensively all over the country and to Nepal between 1982 and 1987. She has her own fashion design studio and the couple have been successfully running their own business for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Bhatia and her husband were married in 1988. He is a real estate consultant in Delhi. They have two daughters -- Sahiba who is doing her Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA) and Vrinda who is studying in the 10th standard.

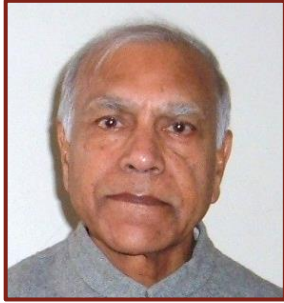
Mrs. Bhatia is actively involved in religious activities at the "Bhakti Dham Mandir," a hillside temple and ashram in Nakuchiatatal, Nainital, in the Himalayas. The ashram also serves as a school to educate poor children. She says, "I thank God for this wonderful opportunity that we have, to fulfill our uncle's wishes."



Mr. Rishi Bhutada is the Vice President of Finance at Star Pipe Products in Houston, TX and holds an MBA from Rice University and a Bachelor's of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His efforts focus on textbook reform, Hindu political awareness, and intrafaith advocacy training, as well as strategic planning for the Hindu American Foundation. Mr. Bhutada also serves as the primary writer for the HAF blog. He won the India House Houston's Young Leader of the Year Award in 2013.



Dr. Christopher Key Chapple is Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology at Loyola Marymount University where he has taught since 1985. He has published more than a dozen books, including *Karma and Creativity* (1986), *Nonviolence to Animals, Earth, and Self in Asian Traditions* (1993), *Reconciling Yogas: The Yogadrstisamuccaya of Haribhadra* (2003), *Yoga and the Luminous: Patanjali's Spiritual Path to Freedom* (2008, winner of the Gandhi Book Award for Best Dharma Studies), and several edited volumes on religion and ecology, including *Hinduism and Ecology* (2000), *Jainism and Ecology* (2002), and *Yoga and Ecology* (2009). In 2002 he established the first of several Yoga Studies Certificate programs at LMU. He served on the advisory boards for the Forum on Religion and Ecology (Yale), the Ahimsa Center (Pomona), the International Summer School for Jaina Studies, and the Green Yoga Association. Chris and his wife Maureen trained in the theory and practice of Classical Yoga for more than a dozen years at Yoga Anand Ashram, Amityville, New York.



Dr. Radheyshyam Dwivedi is a Cell Biologist and an Emeritus Professor of Biology at Howard University, Washington, DC. During his academic career, he has been associated with USDA Beltsville Agricultural Resource Center, Beltsville, and Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, in Maryland and the Universities of Illinois (Urbana), Texas (Austin), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) and Washington (Seattle) in USA; Saskatchewan (Saskatoon) in Canada, and CSA Agricultural University, Kanpur, and CPRI (ICAR) Shimla in India. He was a founder trustee of the Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington (DC) and a founder member of the Vedanta Center of Washington, DC area, a

Ramakrishna Mission center.

Dr. Dwivedi is a director of the MARG Foundation and a senior editor of its bimonthly publication MARG. He is a member of the advisory council of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), USA, and Sanskrit Bharati, and a trustee of Sewa International, USA. He is also currently the President of the International Center for Cultural Studies (ICCS), USA Inc., an organization dedicated to academic research in ancient traditions and cultures of the world. He has also been an ardent student of literature, philosophy and religions of India all through his life.



Dr. Evan Finkelstein is Associate Professor of Maharishi Vedic Science at the Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield, Iowa. In that capacity, he teaches courses in Fundamental Principles of MVS, The Veda and Vedic Literature, MVS and Religions, Reading Vedic Literature, Ideal Administration—Maharishi’s Absolute Theory of Government, The Bhagavad-Gita, The Science of Being and The Art of Living. Dr. Finkelstein earned his Ph.D. in Maharishi Vedic Science from the Maharishi University of Management, receiving the Veda Vyasa Award for Outstanding Doctoral Scholarship. His dissertation was entitled “Universal Principles of Life Expressed in Maharishi Vedic Science and in the Scriptures and Writings of

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.”



Mr. Saumitra Gokhale graduated as a Metallurgical Engineer from Pune, his home town, and then completed a masters degree from Canada. Since 1995 he has worked as a full time volunteer for Hindu organizations. He worked in some rural and tribal areas of Maharashtra. Since 2000 he has worked amongst the Hindus in the Caribbean countries. He is based in the US since 2004 and travels to several countries in his volunteer service as the global coordinator for Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh. He is also active in the International Center for Cultural Studies.



Mr. William Goldstein is a practicing attorney in Fairfield, Iowa. In that capacity, he serves as legal counsel for the Maharishi University of Management. Mr. Goldstein earned a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



Professor Rita Gross is internationally known for her innovative work on gender and religion. She is also a Buddhist dharma teacher having been appointed to that position by Her Eminence Jetsun Khandro Rinpoche.

Professor Gross gives original engaging talks on a wide variety of topics and can lead meditation retreats of varying lengths. She specializes in bringing together the values and perspective of academic research and Buddhist dharma teachings.



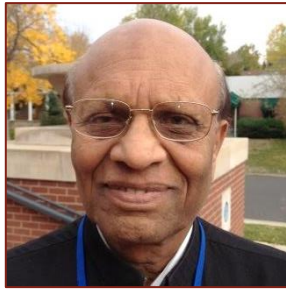
Dr. Maureen P. Hall is an Associate Professor of Education at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and has been teaching there since 2003. Before this teaching, she was a secondary teacher of English, geography, and U.S. History for ten years in the public school of New Hampshire. She has been involved with the Uberoi Foundation through the Uberoi Fellows Teacher Training at UMass Dartmouth since its inception in 2010. Her current research centers on cognitive-affective approaches in teaching and learning, the integration of contemplative practices for deepening learning, and how reading and writing can change lives. She spent a year in India over 2010-2011 as a Fulbright-Nehru Research Scholar researching the Super Accelerated Learning Theory (SALT). Part of her sustained interest in India involves learning more about the origins and ideas underpinning various contemplative practices, as she finds that these practices hold great possibilities for deepening student learning. Through teacher training and research, she continues to work on synthesizing and integrating the most effective pedagogies and teaching philosophies from East and West.



Mrs. Sneha Harjai is the youngest of the three sisters. She graduated from Kamla Nehru College of the University of Delhi with a BA degree in Honors English. She studied travel and tourism and worked as the Travel Assistant with the Grand Hyatt Hotel for two years. She was married in 1989 to Sunil Harjai, who recently was awarded for his success as an entrepreneur in an Indian small industry. She brought her love and experience in travel to her work with her husband in their shoe exporting business, "Siddharth Exports,"

for which she handles the interactions and correspondence with foreign buyers, especially in the UK, Germany, and Italy. The couple have two children.

About the Uberoi Foundation, Sneha says, "Our uncle has left us a purpose to fulfill which we hope to achieve with the help of our dear friends who head our foundation. We would like to put in our best efforts and move towards the goal of our foundation."



Dr. Sulekh C. Jain has been active in many religious and social activities within the Jain and non-Jain communities in the U.S.A. and Canada. Dr. Jain is Founder /Co-Founder of more than one dozen organizations and institutions in North America namely; Jain Center of Greater Boston (1973), Jain Society of Houston (1981), JAIN DIGEST Magazine (1985), JAINA Library (1988), Young Jains of America (1989), Jain Center of Central Ohio at Columbus (1991), Jain Academic Foundation of North America(1994), Mahaveer Vision Inc.(1994), JAIN SPIRIT International Magazine (1999),World Council of Jain Academies (1999) , JVB Preksha Meditation Center in Houston (1999). and International School for Jain Studies (ISJS) in 2004.



Mr. Samir Kalra, Esq. is the Director and Senior Human Rights Fellow at the Hindu American Foundation (HAF). He is based in the Bay Area, CA and holds a JD from Santa Clara University School of Law. Mr. Kalra leads the Foundation's human rights advocacy efforts and has served as a panelist at the National Press Club and multiple Congressional briefings on human rights and religious freedom in South Asia. In January 2013, Mr. Kalra conducted a one week human rights fact finding mission at refugee camps in Jodhpur, India that house Pakistani Hindu refugees. He authored the Foreword for a book on Bangladesh entitled *A Quiet Case of Ethnic Cleansing: The Murder of Bangladesh's Hindus*. Mr. Kalra authored formal comments to the FBI's Advisory Policy Board to support the addition of an anti-Hindu hate crime category to the FBI's data collection program, and he submitted on the record testimony to a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing in 2012 on "Hate Crimes and the Threat of Domestic Extremism." He serves as a member of Rep. Eric Swalwell's (D-CA) Immigration Advisory Committee and is a member of the American Society of International Law and the South Asian Bar Association. He is also an Advisor/Contributor at *The Interfaith Observer Journal* and is involved with the Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project.

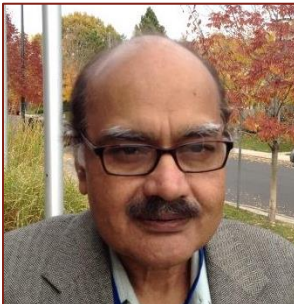


Mr. Khanderao Kand is an entrepreneur and community volunteer from the Silicon valley, California. Khanderao was a founding member of Hindu Education Foundation(HEF), a project of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) USA Inc. He initiated HEF's efforts in organizing Hinduism Seminars for School Teachers in California in 2002 and, later in 2005-6, with a team of volunteers, he played a leading role in coordinating community movement for correcting misrepresentation of Hinduism in CA Textbooks. HSS USA

organized an Exhibition of "Hindu Culture and Dharmic Traditions from India" in 2006. As an editor, and coordinator, he provided concept, content and design of the exhibition which was displayed in six capitol halls, over fifty Universities, temples, libraries as well as festivals in USA and was visited by over 100,000 viewers. He was instrumental in publications of booklets on Yoga, Ayurveda, Hindu Dharma, and Hindu Women. He considers fortunate for playing a leading role, on behalf of HSS, in coordinating Hindu Sangam in 2001 which was attended by over 8000 Hindus in the Bay area. He volunteers for service projects, Indian diaspora / community issues, local social issues and India related issues. With help of fellow Indian technology professionals, in 2009, he launched Global Indian Technology Professionals Association (GITPRO). He is also a founding director of Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS), a think tank launched in 2011 in Washington DC.



Dr. Ramdas Lamb is an Associate Professor of Religion at the University of Hawai'i. His areas of teaching and research include comparative religions as well as renunciant, low caste, and devotional traditions of India. He is also founder and president of the Sahayog Foundation, which helps facilitate education among the rural poor of Chhattisgarh.



Dr. Yashwant K. Malaiya has been a Professor in Computer Science Department at Colorado State University since 1982. He has published widely in the areas of security vulnerabilities, fault modeling, software and hardware reliability, testing and testable design.

He has also published many articles on Jain history and demography, both in Hindi and English. His first publication in 1971 was on Jain history. He has served as a general chair for several international conferences in USA, India and China. He has served as an ABET commissioner and as a volunteer for IEEECS in several capacities. Dr. Malaiya has received the IEEE Third Millennium Medal, 2000 and IEEE CS Golden Core Award, June 1996. He has been an invited speaker and panelist at the biennial JAINA (Jain Associations of North America) Conventions for many of the conventions. He is the coordinator for office of Alumni Affairs for ISSJS (International Summer School for Jain Studies). He has also been an invited speaker at other Jain forums.

Dr. Malaiya was the founder of the India Association of Northern Colorado and has served as its elected President for two terms. He was also the creator of the very first website on Hindi language, and the first major web-site on Jainism. He is the moderator of an internet forum on Indian Archaeology. He was educated in India and USA and received a PhD in Electrical Engineering in 1978.



Mrs. Katharine Nanda, MA, JD, University of Denver, is Secretary of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. She has practiced law for many years and is currently working in the criminal area through the Office of the Colorado Alternate Defense Counsel. She has been actively involved with many organizations serving the Indian community in Colorado, having served as the Chair of the Hindu Society of Colorado and a founding board member and Secretary of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (Denver).



Dr. Ved P. Nanda, Chair of the Trustees of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies, is John Evans University Professor and Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law at the Sturm College of Law, University of Denver and serves as Director of the International Legal Studies Program there. In 2006 Professor Nanda was honored with the founding of the Nanda Center for International Law. He was also Vice Provost at the University of Denver from 1994-2008. He holds or has held numerous official posts in international, regional, and national professional and civil society organizations. In addition to serving as the Uberoi Foundation chair, he was the founding president of and is currently a Trustee of the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of the Rockies (Denver), and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. He has received numerous national and international awards, including honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan and from Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published, having authored or co-authored 24 books in various fields of international law and over 200 chapters and major law review articles. Professor Nanda is a frequent guest on television and radio and writes regularly on international issues for the Denver Post



Dr. Yashwant Pathak completed his education (M.S., Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Technology) from Nagpur University, India. He is Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Chairman and Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the College of Pharmacy, Sullivan University, Louisville, Kentucky. With extensive experience in academia as well as industry, he has to his credit more than 100 publications, including a book in his professional field and several book chapters.

Dr. Pathak has travelled extensively and is actively involved with many cultural organizations, including as the founder and International Coordinator for the International Center for Cultural Studies. He has organized several international cultural conferences, including the World Hindu Conference at Durban in 1995, attended by more than 45,000, people and addressed by President Nelson Mandela. Actively involved in academic research on ancient traditions of the world, he has recently organized a conference on Hindu-Buddhist Dialogue to be attended by Buddhist monks from six different countries, on the theme “Martial Arts, Non Violence and Spirituality,” which will discuss all the Dharmic traditions of the world including the Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist traditions. Dr.

Pathak also serves on a number of boards and advisory committees for several cultural organizations in India and the USA.



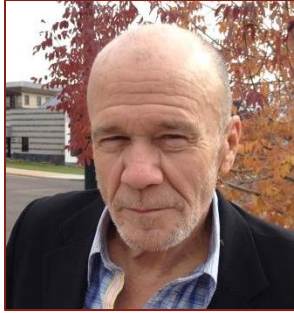
Mr. Jim Polsfut currently serves as the executive director of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. In addition, he serves as the treasurer of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation, a charitable organization aimed at increasing awareness in both countries about the importance of the bilateral relationship and at raising funds for grant-making to benefit not-for-profit organizations in Mexico. Previously, Mr. Polsfut helped to create a private bank and trust company called First Western Trust Bank, based in Denver. In that capacity, he served as president of First Western Development Corporation, a division of the bank responsible for corporate acquisitions. During his tenure there, First Western Trust Bank grew its assets to \$3 billion under management. Earlier in his career, Mr. Polsfut served as general manager for GE Capital in Mexico City and in the United States, as Denver Mayor Federico Peña's assistant for finance for the City and County of Denver, and as an associate in the public finance office of Smith Barney.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Polsfut is quite active in the Denver community. Currently he serves on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the governing body of the 28 public universities and colleges in the State of Colorado, and he also serves on the board of the University of Denver Social Science Foundation. Previously, he served on the Board of the Child and Family Development Committee of the Rose Community Foundation and as a continuing elder of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church. He has also served as one of two founding co-chairs of Denver's Road Home, a \$50 million plan organized in metro-Denver to combat homelessness over a ten-year period, as chairman of the board of the Urban Peak shelter for homeless and runaway youth, as treasurer of the Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, and as a board member of Open World Learning, the New America High School, the Latin American Educational Foundation, and the Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities, among other organizations.



Paramacharya Sadasivanatha Palaniswami is one of the stewards of Saiva Siddhanta Church, Himalayan Academy and Hindu Heritage Endowment. He is the leader of the Ganapati Kulam, the monastic team responsible for all book and magazine production, translations, artwork, our websites and Innersearch travel-study programs. He is intimately involved with the design and construction of Iraivan Temple, working with the master builders. Since 1979 he has been editor-in-chief of Hinduism Today magazine. He acts as the senior counselor to the monastic community and guides the monastery's relationships with other Hindu organizations and interfaith religious forums.

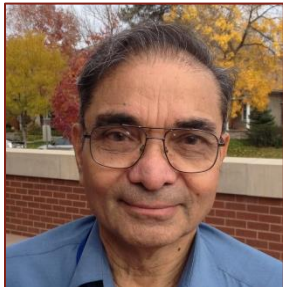
On retreat days, he fulfills the monastery's vision of a sacred garden and tropical paradise by collecting, propagating and planting sacred, medicinal, culinary and tropical plants and trees around the monastery grounds.



Dr. Richard Seager received his PhD in the study of religion from Harvard University with a concentration in the Religions of the Modern West. His primary publications focus on the history of Asian religions coming to the United States which include *The World's Parliament of Religions: the East / West Encounter, Chicago 1893* (Indiana, 1995); *Buddhism in America* (Columbia, 1999); and *Encountering the Dharma: Daisaku Ikeda, the Soka Gakkai, and the Globalization of Buddhist Humanism* (University of California, 2006). His secondary areas of research and teaching are religion and environmentalism in a global perspective and religions and cultures on the border between Mexico and the U.S. Dr. Seager is currently the Bates and Benjamin Professor of Classical and Religious Studies at Hamilton College in central New York state.



Mr. Parveen Setia is Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees, of the Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies. He became a US citizen in 1987. He is married to Minaxi Setia, sister-in-law of Anu Bhatia, and has three children, all in college. Mr. Setia graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and earned his MBA from Webster University, 2008. He is employed as Pharmacist Team Leader at the Lakeland Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida. He is actively involved in the Ekal Vidalya project to support education of children in Indian villages.



Mr. Pravin Shah is a founding member of Jain Study Center of North Carolina (Raleigh). He is a chairperson of JAINA Education Committee and advisor to JAINA YJA and YJP youth organizations. He is also a member of the Harvard University Pluralism Project Advisory Council and director of Triangle Interfaith Association since 2002. He is an Electrical Engineer, retired from IBM and lives in Raleigh North Carolina, USA.

He is a Jain scholar, vegan and activist against animal cruelty. He has published several articles and books on Jain philosophy, cruelty to animals, and Comparative religions. His primary objective is to provide Jain religion education to Jain youths borne in the Western world. He offers two-day workshop on Jainism to educate Jain community and prepare teachers for Jain Pāthashālā (Sunday school).

As a chairperson of Jaina Education Committee, he has published a complete set of Jaina Pāthashālā Educational Material covering elementary level to college level education. Today more than 3500 Pāthashālā students across North America use this material. He is also the author of the books: Jainism - a Religion of Ecology and Non-violence, the Book of Compassion and Essence of World Religions.

He established the Jain eLibrary website www.jaineLibrary.org which provides Jain religious information worldwide electronically. At present more than 3500 books (more than 1,000,000 pages) of Jain literature in English, Hindi, and Gujarati languages are available on this site. The literature covers many aspects of Jain philosophy and religion such as Jain scriptures, commentaries, philosophy, rituals, conduct, art and architecture, His e-mail address education@jaina.org.



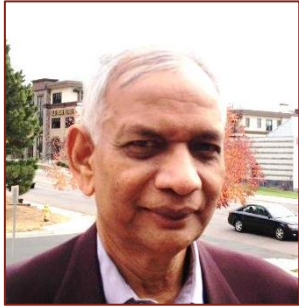
Dr. Arvind Sharma holds the Birks Chair of Comparative Religion at McGill University in Montreal, succeeding Wilfred Cantwell Smith. He earned a Masters in Theological Studies from the Harvard Divinity School and subsequently a Ph.D. in Sanskrit and Indian Studies from Harvard University in 1978. He has also taught at the University of Queensland and the University of Sydney in Australia, and at Northeastern University, Boston University, Temple University and Harvard University in the United States. He has published over fifty books and five hundred articles in the fields of Hinduism, Indian religions, world religions, and methods in the study of religion. Among his noteworthy publications are *Our Religions* (Harper, 1993); *To the Things Themselves: Essays on the Discourse and Practice of the Phenomenology of Religions* (Walter de Gruyter, 2001); and *Religious Studies and Comparative Methodology: The Case for Reciprocal Illumination* (SUNY, 2005).



Mr. Shekhar Shastri is an entrepreneur, poet, and an educationist. He is a co-founder and a Director of Meru Education Foundation. He was the founder and CEO of Redwood Investment Systems which he successfully built and then subsequently sold. He is a Charter Member of TiE – the largest global entrepreneurial network, and chaired its 2012 conference, TiECON East 2012. He writes and speaks on Dharma and transformational change and is a performing poet-musician. He has appeared on TV and radio, and has been written up in the *Boston Globe* and the *Wall Street Journal*. He lectures on ‘Sanskrit Poetry and Aesthetic Theory’ at MIT.



Dr. Rita Sherma holds an M.A. in Religion, and Ph.D. in Religious Studies (Theology and Ethics). She is the co-founder and Vice-President of DANAM (Dharma Academy of North America) and is the co-founder and former President of Foundation for Indic Philosophy and Culture (FIPC) at the School of Religion at Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Sherma is Professor and Executive Director at the Confluence School of Faith Studies, at Taksha University, VA. She is co-editor of the forthcoming *Journal of Dharma Studies*, and has authored numerous essays, articles and book chapters on religion and philosophy, as well as several encyclopedia articles in volumes such as the *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions* and the *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*. Previous publications include co-authorship of five edited books, including *Dying, Death, and Afterlife in Dharma Traditions and Western Religions* (2007); *Hermeneutics and Hindu Thought* (2008), and *Woman and Goddess in Hinduism: Reinterpretations and Re-envisionings* (2011).



Dr. Manohar Shinde took full retirement from clinical practice of psychiatry in Los Angeles in August 2010, in the spirit of a "Vanaprastha" to devote more time to learning and networking with intellectuals and institutions for the purpose of nurturing Dharma-civilizational Studies and scholarship. Recently he founded the Dharma Civilization Foundation. In addition, he is a Founder Trustee of the "Global Foundation for Civilizational Harmony," a member of the board of SEVA International, an advisory committee member of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangha USA.

Previously, Dr. Shinde was director of the Eating Disorder Institute of California in Los Angeles, was on the clinical faculty of UCLA, USC, and The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis (ICP). He has a PhD in Psychoanalysis from the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute in Beverly Hills (1989). He graduated from the The Menninger School of Psychiatry in Topeka (1979) and undertook a fellowship in child psychiatry at UCLA (1981). He began his education with an MBBS from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India (1968). Dr. Shinde is married with three children and has lived in the United States since 1969.

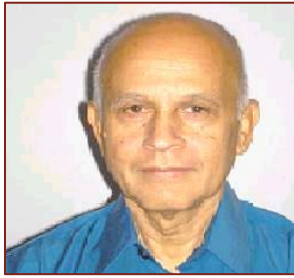


Dr. Bal Ram Singh is the Director of Center for Indic Studies at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where he teaches a course on Science of Kriyayoga. As a Professor of Biophysical Chemistry and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and the Director of Botulinum Research Center, he has been conducting research for 19 years at UMass Dartmouth on the molecular mode of action of botulinum and tetanus neurotoxins, and lately also on yoga, mind, and consciousness. He has been teaching a graduate course on Chemistry of Mind for the past nine years. His research on biodefense and biotechnology is internationally recognized, and

he has served on many national and international scientific panels. Dr. Singh has published about 175 research articles, has edited three books, and has obtained three patents. He is the Editor of The Botulinum Journal.

Dr. Singh received his B. Sc. from Avadh University in India in 1977 in Biology and Chemistry. He received his M.Sc. and M. Phil. Degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India in Life Sciences during 1979-1982, and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas Tech University in 1987. He completed his post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1990 and joined the faculty at UMass Dartmouth the same year. He received the First Scholar of the Year Award at UMass Dartmouth in 1996 and the 2004 University Service Award given by the UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association. He is President of BBTech, Inc., Dartmouth, and Managing Director of BBTech Herbal in India. He is also manager of a girls school, Kuruom Vidyalaya, which he has established in his native village in India.

Over the years, Dr. Singh has served on expert panels of National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. He has been actively involved in several socio-cultural organizations. He has published over three dozen scholarly articles on issues related to Indian tradition, culture, and philosophy, and contributes to a regional newspaper for Indian Americans. He also currently serves as an Associate Editor of the International Journal of Indian Culture and Business Management.



Dr. Shrinivas Tilak (PhD in History of Religions, McGill University, Montreal) is an independent scholar based in Montreal. His publications include *Religion and Aging in the Indian Tradition* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1989) and *Understanding Karma in Light of Paul Ricoeur's Philosophical Anthropology and Hermeneutics* (Charleston, SC: BookSurge Publications, 2007).



Dr. David G. Trickett began his higher education at Emory University. As a student volunteer with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he participated in the civil rights movement in the US, a most heart-searing experience, by helping facilitate functions marking the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Trickett's doctoral work mirrored the difficulty in respecting the boundary between constructive theology and ethics that his subject, H. Richard Niebuhr, embodied...and this has led him to various educational ventures including guest teaching in business and medical schools as well as in theology. Today, Trickett is an elder in full connection within the United Methodist Church. His work includes congregations, campus ministry and university chaplaincy, and theological education.

In the late 1980s, as head of the Washington (D.C.) Theological Consortium, Trickett addressed leadership needs among those being educated in theology-and those people that graduates would serve. This ultimately led him to form The Jefferson Circle in 1993, a global teaching practice that focused on providing accessible theology for daily life in corporations, governments, and NGOs on several continents. Niebuhr's notion of "responsible self" and Wesley's sense of "social holiness" have been central to that work.

This globe-trotting led Trickett, in 2004, to chair the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution within the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. In 2006, he was selected to serve as the 13th President (and as the Henry White Warren Professor of Ethics and Leadership) of the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, a position he filled until 2011.

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