



CENTRE FOR INDO-CANADIAN STUDIES

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE of the FRASER VALLEY

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Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure to present the 2006/07 annual report for the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley.

This report outlines our ongoing activities and programs that reflect our vision and goals. The Centre is one of the many catalysts that have transformed UFV into an institution that fully reflects the diversity in our region. Since its official opening in November 2007, it has been a hub of activity as we started programs and activities and got involved on campus, in the community, and abroad in India. The annual report is a reflection of our growing programming and our capacity to attract people to our work.

We are extremely proud of how our India Canada Studies program has grown in the last few years and is now formalized into a certificate. As well, the Chair's influence is already being felt far and wide – locally and internationally. Students in the BBA program in India are truly benefiting from an acclaimed and well delivered degree.

One of our unique successes is the involvement of the community. Members continue to be involved and interested in the work of the Centre and provide input, advice, information and support. All of us at the Centre would like to thank them for their continued contributions.

We hope you will enjoy reading the report and becoming more apprized of the breadth and depth of the work of the Centre. We are here to answer any questions and to respond to suggestions.

Satwinder Bains
Director

Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley

Annual Report 2006/07

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Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies University of the Fraser Valley



Vision



The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley officially opened on Oct 28, 2006.

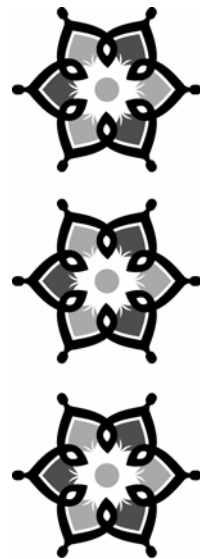
The Centre's vision is to support a wide range of learning activities and resources for students in the area of India-Canada Studies and to support community-wide and country-to-country interactions.

The Centre's goal is to be a national information repository, and a site for valuable social, cultural and economic research. It is also a hub of information for people who want to do business with India and who want to understand the relationships and opportunities between the two countries.

The Centre is one of the many catalysts which is transforming UFV into a place that fully reflects the diversity in our region.

Core Programs

- India-Canada Studies program
- The BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development
- The Bachelor of Business Administration degree at UFV, Chandigarh campus
- Developing and sustaining academic, business, and community partnerships
- Conducting research, forums, and consultation studies on various social, cultural and historical issues
- Support for UFV-wide initiatives that support the vision of the Centre



Goals

The Centre for Indo Canadian Studies identified four major goals that it pursued throughout the year:

1. Communication Activities
2. Student and Faculty Engagement
3. Stakeholder Relationships
4. Resources and Administration

To meet these goals, the CICS has relied on several inter-related strategies and one of the most effective strategies was to always strive to involve as many students, faculty and members of the community as possible in the activities of the Centre. Since its official opening, the Centre has involved 26 students in the form of work study, research assistants or coordinators of events. Faculty are involved in research projects, study tours, curriculum planning, presentations and activities with the Centre. The community has been involved in participating in activities of the Centre and in giving advice and support. The media has consistently taken the views of staff at the Centre when stories have broken or are being analyzed. The Centre provides a balanced and objective view on current events. The Centre's finances have been enhanced by research grants, government funding and community fundraising.

Each section of this report highlights the achievements of the Centre.

Future plans:

1. Build the endowment further
2. Undertake relevant and pertinent research
3. Strengthen the India Canada Studies Program
4. Continue to engage students, faculty, staff and community in the work of the Centre



India-Canada Studies program



The India-Canada Studies program started out with a few courses in 2004. The multi-disciplinary program has grown exponentially since then and in the last few years it has matured in breadth and offerings. Starting out with History, Social Work and English, the program now includes Geography, Anthropology, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Cultural and Media Studies, Modern Languages, and, in the near future, Political Science.



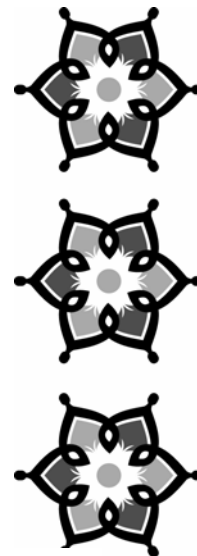
As the program grew over the years and as the interest in the courses grew, new faculty were hired, study tours undertaken to India, academic exchanges developed, student internships initiated, and much more. In September 2008, the brand new India-Canada Studies certificate will be launched. Students will have the added opportunity to graduate with a certificate that will assist them in their career and further education pursuits. Students will benefit from a rich, vibrant, and interesting certificate program that incorporates a wide range of disciplines. In Canada, it is a unique offering that will draw many prospective students to UFV.

www.ucfv.ca/CICS/Courses.htm

Student Internships

Two UFV students have had the experience of a lifetime. Criminology student Sumeet Jammu and Sociology/Anthropology student Meggie Shields spent 6 months in India preparing for an international conference funded by the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute on "Child Friendly Cities". They interned for Professor Cherie Enns, Geography Dept, UFV who developed the conference. They worked at the Canadian Studies Centre at Panjab University, Chandigarh under the able guidance of Prof. B.S. Ghuman, Director of the Centre.

A first-ever event for the city of Chandigarh, the conference was a great success. The international line-up of speakers included Dr. Eliana Riggio, consultant & former Coordinator, International Child-friendly Cities Secretariat, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence Italy; Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, planner and urban design consultant focusing on child-friendly spaces in India, research affiliate of Children, Youth & Environments Centre for Research & Design, University of Colorado, USA; Mr. Samir Chaudhuri, founder and director of the Child in Need Institute in Calcutta; and Dr. Gamal Hamid, urban planner, consultant, and current director of the Middle East and North Africa Child Protection Initiative (CPI).



Sumeet Jammu said, "My time during this internship has taught me so much about myself and other people. It has been an eye-opening experience for me. I have made great friends in India who I will never forget. What they have taught me is very valuable. I would love for other UFV students to be able to come over and work on a project similar to this one." The internship was funded and sponsored by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).



Mr. Akshat Mehta, Ph.D Candidate and Lecturer at Punjab University, Intern Support



Professor Cherie Enns, Internship Supervisor, Geography Dept, UCFV



Dr. B.S. Ghuman, Dean of Arts at Punjab University, Internship Supervisor



Miss Sumeet Jammu and Miss Meggie Shields – UCFV Interns



Partnerships



Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

UFV is a member of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and has continued to take part in the many activities sponsored and organized by the Institute. Yvon Dandurand is UFV's official representative at the Institute, where he is currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer.



Panjab University, Chandigarh

As part of the implementation of a memorandum of understanding between UFV and Panjab University (PU), a Canadian Studies Centre was set up at PU in Chandigarh in June 2005.

The Centre aims to:

- Promote Indo-Canadian studies in the field of social sciences, sciences, humanities, and professional disciplines like engineering, law and management
- Encourage research on the Indian Diaspora in Canada in association with Canadian institutions
- Undertake studies in the areas of Indo-Canadian trade, and economic relations
- Facilitate exchange of faculty and students
- Supply policy inputs both to the Indian (specially Panjab) and the Canadian governments for further strengthening their economic, trade, social and community ties

Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh (SDCC)

UFV partners with SDCC, an affiliate of Panjab University, for the delivery of a Bachelor of Business Administration degree program. SDCC, established in 1973 and accredited by the Indian National Assessment and Accreditation Council, is a post-graduate institution focusing on providing students with liberal, holistic education in a strong student-centered environment. UFV's Chandigarh campus is located at SDCC, with UFV students living on campus in residence or at home.

Developing partnerships

University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India

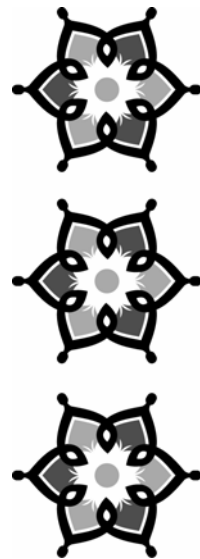
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India

Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, India

Western Washington State University, Bellingham, USA

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada



The BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development

When Professor DJ Sandhu was interviewed for the new BC Regional Innovation Chair in Canada-India Business and Economic Development at UFV's Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies, he shook his head. "I told them that if they just wanted someone to conduct research and write detailed reports for the government, I wasn't their man. I would only take it if I could be a 'hands-on' Chair. By that I meant that I wanted to be in a position to help business people on a one-to-one basis. They agreed, and here I am."

Sandhu's appointment was announced in June 2007. The provincially-funded Leading Edge Endowment Fund provided \$1.25 million in support, which was matched by donations from hundreds of individuals and organizations throughout the Fraser Valley and beyond.

The Chair at the University of the Fraser Valley is the second of nine Regional Innovation Chairs that LEEF plans to establish at BC post-secondary institutions. This Chair's mandate is to help local businesses capitalize on opportunities in India by providing market intelligence and entrepreneurial advice.

It's hard to imagine anyone more qualified to do this than DJ Sandhu. Born in India, he came to BC as a teenager and later attended Simon Fraser University (SFU). "I did my undergraduate studies in finance, management science and marketing. My MBA focus was on marketing strategy, research methods and consumer behaviour."

Since earning his Masters in 1989, he has been president of Nanaka Investments Ltd., a venture capital firm that invests in new manufacturing companies; marketing consultant to companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Bank of Montreal, Mohawk Oil and Sony Canada; and an adjunct professor in SFU's Faculty of Business Administration. He also serves on the Premier's Asia Pacific Trade Council's India Market Advisory Group, based in Vancouver.

"The opportunities for doing business in India are almost limitless," he explains. "But so far BC and Canada have been conspicuous by their absence. Europe is there, especially the UK, of course. So are USA, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand — you name it. But, except for Bombardier and Bata, there's almost no Canada! Premier Campbell's mission this fall was a very positive step, as I am sure the Liberal House Leader Michael De Jong's follow-up visit will be early next year. I assisted in the planning of both visits. But there's so much more we could (and should) be doing. Keep in mind India is a country of more than one billion people, where English is the language of business. No language barriers here!"

What are the opportunities in for BC companies? Mr. Sandhu lays out the possibilities: "There's education and human resources development, for instance. Already UFV has Memorandums of Understanding with the University of Mumbai, with Guru Nanak Dev University in Amritsar, and with Panjab University in Chandigarh, and is offering its Bachelor of Business Administration degree program in the latter city. We have a vibrant life sciences and biotechnology cluster here in the Lower Mainland. India would welcome



expertise and investment in that sector, as well as in agri-business, environmental technologies, energy, financial services, aviation and aerospace, and infrastructure development. These are all areas where BC has successful, experienced companies who could market their services to the vast Indian market.”

Is it a two-way street? “Absolutely! While my emphasis is on facilitating BC companies’ entry into the Indian market, I’m also advising Indian firms on opportunities here. In BC, I work with business associations and chambers of commerce. In India, I maintain close ties with the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Already, there has been interest from the Indian government and its Crown corporations in investing in BC’s coal mining projects, and a BC company has applied to mine diamonds in India.”

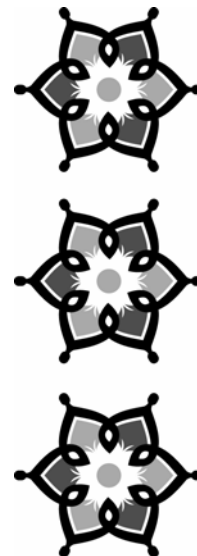
Mr. Sandhu has in-depth knowledge of the government, education and business worlds in BC and India. “When people ask me what I do as BC Regional Innovation Chair in Canada-India Business and Economic Development, I tell them this – I’m a ‘doorman.’ I open the doors for BC business people to avail themselves of the opportunities in India.”

For further information on DJ Sandhu and his Chair at University of the Fraser Valley, visit www.ucfv.ca/canadaindiachair .

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MLA John van Dongen, UFV President Skip Bassford, Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell, Professor DJ Sandhu, MLA Mike de Jong



Fundraising for the Chair

The fundraising committee remained active and involved in the fundraising campaign that has a five year legacy. Volunteer committee members were honoured by President Dr Skip Bassford at a reception for their hard work and dedication. The fundraising committee raised \$1.4 million far surpassing the required matching funds of \$1.25 million for the establishment of the Chair by the Provincial Government under the LEEF guidelines. The community rallied behind the fundraising committee's campaign of "Now, it's time".

Fundraising members are:

Chair: Parm Bains

Co-Chair: Paul Wadhawan

Dr Malwinder Dhani

Tok Herar

Norm Sangha

Andy Sidhu

Balbir Mahil

Jatinder Sidhu

Baldev Dhugha

Arno Newman

The fundraising committee was ably shepherded by Associate Vice President Yvon Dandurand, Professor Madeleine Hardin and the Development Office at UFV.



Fundraising Committee with President, Dr Skip Bassford



The Bachelor of Business Administration degree at UFV, Chandigarh campus



Premier Campbell makes lasting impression with UFV BBA degree students in Chandigarh



When Premier Gordon Campbell's flight landed in Chandigarh on Sunday, Dec. 2, as a part of his 2007 trade mission to India, he had no idea that the entire student body of UFV's BBA degree program in that city were waiting at the gates to greet him. But it was the students themselves who got the real surprise, when the Premier took the time to meet each of them personally and pose for several photographs with the group.

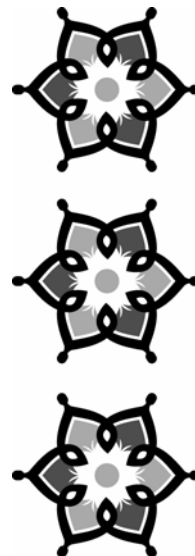
"On the day we received Premier Campbell from the airport I was very nervous, because we didn't expect that such a senior person would have time or even care about the people who were waiting to welcome him," says second year student Manreet Sahi, who had been selected to present a bouquet to the Premier. "I didn't think I would even get the chance to finish my welcome message. But it was incredible. He took the time and had the patience to listen and shake hands with everyone waiting to receive him."

The next day, the Premier again spent more than half an hour interacting with the UFV students. In an informal speech he encouraged them to follow their dreams, and shared with them insights of his own time as a student. Afterward, despite preparing to address a huge congregation of educational officials before racing to catch a flight to Delhi, he delighted them by offering to pose for individual photos with each student.

Many students commented that the two-day event was one of the most exciting things that had ever happened to them, inspiring them and creating memories that would last a lifetime.

"It was an amazing honour to meet a person of such high position who is helping us to fulfill our dreams. The help and support he showed for our program truly told me how successful my future is going to be. And I really appreciate that he took time for us out of his busy schedule," says Amar Singh Kooner.

Fellow student Shefali Joshi agrees, "When UFV promised us last year that we would get a whole new level of global exposure, I never expected it to be of this level. It was absolutely amazing to be met with such warmth and treated like actual professionals, rather than just students. We really felt a tremendous amount of support from British Columbia for the UFV degree we are studying here in India."



Developing and sustaining academic, business, and community partnerships

The Director of the CICS is actively involved in the following external, community-based committees:

City of Abbotsford - Abbotsford Social Development Advisory Committee:

The purpose of the ASDAC is to provide advice to Council on social issues, and to help guide the City's social planning function. The Multicultural Diversity Working Group is one of its sub-groups.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, India Studies Program

Committee to adjudicate international grant proposals for Shastri.

Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, Partnership Development Seed Grants

Committee to adjudicate grant proposals for Shastri.

Ministry of Children and Family Development Steering Committee for Child Protection Consultations

The Director supports a community Steering Committee that guides, informs and supports the Child Protection Consultations occurring in Abbotsford in 2007 & 2008.

Ministry of Children and Family Development – The Fraser Region Transformation Reference Group.

This group is committed to the MCFD's stated principles and values that guide decision-making and reflect respect for ethnic and cultural diversity, transparency, accountability and integrity.

Khalsa Diwan Society, Abbotsford, Canadian Sikh Heritage Advisory Committee:

This committee guides the development of the 100-year history project to record/write the history of Sikhs in BC and to collect archival resources.

School District #34, Superintendent's Abbotsford Community Circle

This stakeholder group advises the Superintendent of Abbotsford Schools on current community trends, issues and developments.



Internal UFV Committees

The Director is actively involved in the following internal committees at UFV:



UFV Research Journal – South Asian Special Topics Journal

Research Advisory Committee

Internationalization Committee

Social Research Centre Committee

Association of Small Universities, Research Grants Adjudication Committee

Centre for Aging and Research Community Advisory Committee

Racism Discussion Group – Promoting Intercultural Relations

Convention on the Rights of the Child – 20-year anniversary celebrations



UFV CICS Committees

The Director supports and sustains a number of internal UFV committees:

Student Advisory Committee: South Asian Peer Network Association (SAPNA)

Indo-Canadian Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

Learning Research and Teaching Group (LRTG) – India-Canada Studies program

India-Canada Studies Curriculum Advisory Committee

Endowment Fundraising Committee

Canada-India Research Chair – External Committees

Canada-India Business Council (BC Chapter)

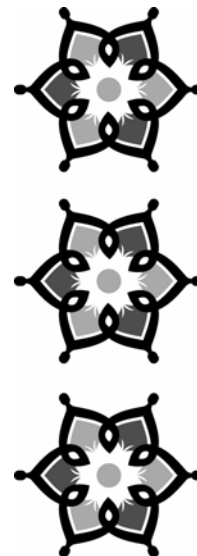
The Canada-India Business Council (C-IBC), established in 1982, is Canada's only private sector, member-driven, non-profit national business association dedicated to the growth of trade, investment and services between Canada and India. The Chair is the Secretary for the CIBC and provides Secretariat Services for the Council.

www.canada-indiabusiness.ca

Asia Pacific Trade Council: India Market Advisory Group

The India Market Advisory Group (IMAG) was established as expert panels to review the status of British Columbia's current commercial relations with Indian markets in India and to prepare specific recommendations on actions to increase commercial engagement. The Chair provides valuable and timely advice.

www.asiapacifictradecouncil.ca/india.htm



Secretariat: Canada-India Business Council

Sponsored Events:

The Canada-India Business Council [BC Chapter] organized an event called "**BC and India - What's Next?**" on June 14, 2007. Guest speaker High Commissioner David Malone spoke in depth about the current situation in India. He dispelled the common notion that the West views India as being a 'poor' country. The Indian business juggernaut has more billionaires than one can imagine. Coupled with the enormous purchasing power of one of the biggest middle classes in the world, India is fast becoming an economic powerhouse.

Financial Services Forum, Sept 2007

Hon. Roy MacLaren, P.C.

The Chairman of the C-IBC talked about "India: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". He told how the Indo-Canadian community has grown to be an economic and politically influential group. Investment in energy field is required in India but that Canada should get rid of trade barriers that exist between India and Canada, a free trade agreement should be explored between India and Canada with the exception of agriculture.

Research, forums and consultation studies on various social, cultural and historical issues

Indo-Canadian Youth Consultation

Through the Abbotsford Youth Forum (month/year), concerned individuals provided students of Abbotsford high schools with a venue for dialogue and discussion. This forum was facilitated by past students from Abbotsford who make up the Youth Forum. The aim of these discussions was to solicit ideas from students and create recommendations which could be passed onto community organizations and government agencies for implementation. Eighteen students, 10 facilitators, 16 interventionists spent a day together to discuss issues and concerns facing Indo-Canadian youth in the Canadian mosaic with a concerted goal to make recommendations that can be acted upon. The report of this consultation is available at:

www.ucfv.ca/_shared/assets/Consultation_Report12382.pdf

Ministry of Children and Family Development: Consultation Study on Child Protection Issues in the Indo-Canadian Community

The Centre has undertaken an 18-month consultation study on child-protection issues facing the Indo-Canadian community in Abbotsford. The study's aim is to develop a service model of prevention and intervention to assist families in crisis. To meet this aim the following areas of study are being undertaken: a literature review, interviews with key service



providers, focus groups with stakeholders, client baseline data review and assessment, service model exploration and an inventory of services. The report will be ready for the Ministry by late summer 2008.



Cultural Recovery Project

The Centre is assisting in the Cultural Recovery Program of the Khalsa Diwan Society of Abbotsford. The initiative has delivered an interactive website that highlights the 100-year history of the Indo-Canadian Punjabi/Sikhs in the Fraser Valley. Their experiences in a tumultuous century, fraught with trials and tribulations, have culminated in a momentous juncture with the designation of National Heritage Site in Abbotsford as the oldest Sikh temple in the Americas. The objective of the website is two-fold: firstly to provide an avenue for any Canadians to learn about the 100-year history and secondly to link the institution with local, national and international organizations that provide cultural, historical, and traditional information on the Sikh/Punjabi community and its Diaspora communities. The project is grateful to Canadian Heritage – Canada Online for funding support. For more information, visit www.canadiansikhheritage.ca



Indo-Canadian Centennial History Project – the first 100 years

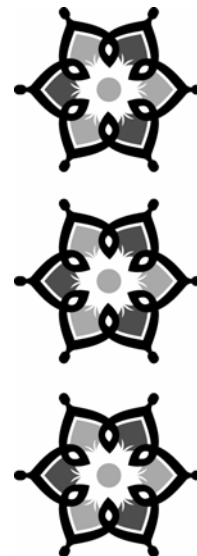
The Centre has formed a steering committee to develop and design a publication on the 100-year history of British Columbia Sikhs. The goal is to develop the publication for launch in 2011, the Centennial Year for the National Heritage Site Sikh Temple in Abbotsford. This publication will record the often tumultuous history of Sikhs, their successes, and their determination to make Canada their new home. UFV colleagues, community members and students are all a part of this exciting new venture.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Calgary, Alberta Research Roundtable Consultation

Shastri held round table discussions with faculty and researchers from UFV to discuss our research agenda, share information and ideas about programming in and with India. Shastri provides much needed financial and in-kind support to member institutions in India and Canada.

Roundtable on Approaches to Multicultural Diversity in Canada: Policy Research Initiative (PRI) for Canadian Heritage

In February 2007, PRI held roundtable discussions on Multicultural Canada in the 21st Century: Harnessing Opportunities and Managing Pressures. The CICS participated in developing a position paper for PRI.



Support for UFV-wide initiatives that support the vision of the Centre

Asia Month May, 2007

Asia month was celebrated by UFV students all over campus with activities, events and participatory discussions including movie nights, mehndi demonstrations, food, music and displays. The CICS provided support for the initiative that was undertaken by students.

Ehsaas Film Festival 2007

CICS hosted a very successful South Asian Film Festival in March 2007. A Punjabi/Hindi word, “ehsaas” means “to reflect” or “to come to a realization”. This festival showcased four powerful films – *Drowned Out*, *Rang de Basanti*, *Continuous Journey*, and *Dor* – that emphasized social consciousness. Each film has significant historical and current relevance while highlighting social justice issues. The goal of the festival was to raise awareness, initiate dialogue, and encourage understanding on topics that are globally significant yet have local relevance.

Vietnamese Justice Delegation to Canada: Cross-cultural Issues on Child Protection

The Vietnamese Justice Delegation heard from various experts on Canada’s approach to child protection issues. The Director of CICS presented on cross-cultural issues that face parents of immigrant families in BC in the area of child protection.

CIDA Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund (SAPEF) – Creating a Child Friendly World: Risk and Harm Reduction

CICS participated in the UFV International department’s CIDA funded forums on risks facing children in the world, culminating with a visit by Steven Lewis, the UN’s Chief Envoy on AIDS to Africa.



Visiting Scholars



Dr. John Pramod; MD, Christian Medical College, Ludhiana India

Dr John Pramod MD, came to UFV on one of his stops while on his visit to Canada and the U.S. He provided information and was happy to respond to any queries of students interested in medical school opportunities for Non Resident Indian (NRI) applicants and anyone who wanted information about the programs that Christian Medical College, Ludhiana (www.cmcludhiana.org) offers. He shared information about his college with students, parents, teachers, faculty and administrators of schools in Canada.



Dr Shyam Vyas: New Delhi, India, Masters of Business Administration

Dr Vyas was a visiting scholar for a full semester in the Business Administration Faculty. He taught international business and ethics to third and fourth year students. As well, he facilitated a working group of business people in the Fraser Valley interested in doing business in India and helped to prepare them for a trade mission to Northern India.

Dr Nilufer Bharucha: University of Mumbai, Mumbai, India English Department

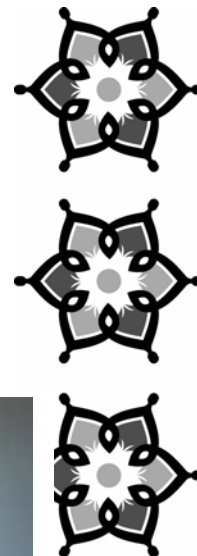
Dr Bharucha visited UFV as a visiting scholar. She taught English literature and creative writing courses with an emphasis on South Asian literature. She also gave a public lecture on the role of film India and the portrayal of women. Dr Bharucha is a well known international scholar who has lectured all over Europe and the United States. This was her first trip to Canada.

Mrs. Shyamala Cowsilk – High Commissioner to Canada – Ottawa, Canada

Mrs. Cowsilk visited UFV to learn more about the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies initiative and congratulated the community for its vision and goals. She offered the Centre the full support of both her office and the Consul office in Vancouver . Mrs. Cowsilk felt it was the right time to be developing closer economic links with India and was excited to learn that the Research Chair would facilitate greater trade between BC, Canada and India.

Harpreet Kaur Mangat: PhD Research Social Sciences Guru Nanak Dev University, Amrtisar, Punjab, India

Ms. Mangat visited on a Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Fellowship to undertake her PhD research on “Sikh Diaspora and the Punjab Crisis”. She interviewed community members and UFV faculty as well as taking advantage of library resources at UFV.



Shauna Singh Baldwin: Author. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ms Baldwin is a Canadian-born, India-raised, USA-settled author. She gave a very popular public lecture on her book *What the Body Remembers* as well as very graciously did a book signing. She lectured in the English dept and spoke at length about the writing process.

Luv Puri: Journalist from Kashmir, India

Luv Puri is a journalist from the Kashmir region of India. Mr. Puri specializes in South Asian politics with a special focus on Kashmir, India-Pakistan relations, security issues, Pakistan politics, and minority affairs in India. He shared his experiences as a journalist with interested faculty, students, and community members.



Dr Sunaina Sood: Osmania University, Hyderabad, India, English Literature

Dr Sunaina Singh of Osmania University, Hyderabad spoke on post-colonial literature to two English classes and to faculty across disciplines at a lunch hosted by CICS. Her area of interest and study is gender studies and women's issues.



Dr. D.S. Bains: Registrar of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary Sciences University, Ludhiana, India

Dr Bains visited UFV to investigate the possibilities of knowledge and technology transfer in the milk industry. India produces the most milk in the world but its production per cow is still low. He was very interested in learning more through faculty exchanges at his university and through business knowledge exchange in Punjab.

Dr Savita Singal: Department of Women's Studies, Hissar University, Haryana, India

Dr Singal spoke with faculty on the issues facing rural women in India around reproductive health. She has published extensively in the area of reproductive health and has undertaken some ground-breaking field work.

Dr Kuldip Gill: Writer in Residence, UFV

UFV's Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies became the home of Writer-in-Residence, Kuldip Gill. Dr. Gill, who has had a long academic career as a social anthropologist and who is also an award-winning poet, was appointed to this position in recognition of her commitment to our community, her participation in UFV activities (including her receipt and acceptance of an honorary degree), and in particular, her involvement in the BC Writers Series and



Continuing Studies programs and activities. Her role in the Indo-Canadian community and her extensive academic experience enable her to play a vital part in the development of India Canada Studies curriculum initiatives.



Malalai Joya: Member of Parliament, Afghanistan

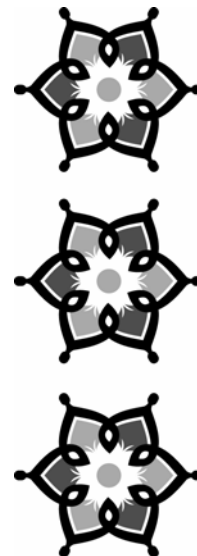
Malalai Joya who is a 27-year-old Member of the Afghan Parliament spoke to a packed audience at UFV. She was elected to the 249-seat National Assembly or Wolesi Jirga in September 2005, as a representative of Farah Province. Malalai won the second highest number of votes in the province. Malalai Joya rose to fame and gained international attention in December 2003 when, as an elected delegate to the Constitutional Loya Jirga, she spoke out publicly against the domination of warlords which caused uproar. Since then she has survived four assassination attempts, and travels in Afghanistan under a burqa and with armed guards. She spoke passionately about the situation women face in her home.



New Associates and Staff

Dr. Garry Fehr, Department of Geography

Prior to completing his PhD in geography at the University of Guelph, Garry Fehr was a businessman who provided water and vacuum services to the mining, forestry, agriculture and tourism sectors of northern British Columbia. During this time he was involved in the design and delivery of several small humanitarian aid projects in Belize, Haiti, India and northern Canada. These activities have strongly influenced his research in India and teaching focus in the classroom. Currently, he is investigating how the processes of globalization influence the livelihoods of the medicinal plant harvesters and traders in central India. This research aims to provide insight into issues of environmental, social, and economic sustainability to Indian forest policy makers, NGOs and community forest management committees. Besides teaching introductory geography courses, Garry also teaches upper-level courses that focus on transitional societies, South Asia, conservation, and international development.



Dr. Nicola Mooney, Department of Anthropology

Nicola Mooney has a doctorate in social-cultural anthropology from the University of Toronto. Her research involves Sikh communities in India and Canada, and is broadly focused on ethnicity and identity, modernity, transnationalism, gender, and religiosity. Her book *Rural Nostalgias and Transnational Dreams: Identity and Modernity among Jat Sikhs* is to be published by the University of Toronto Press in 2008. She is a faculty member in the Social, Cultural and Media Studies Department.

Dr. Summer Pervez, Department of English

Summer Pervez has a BA and MA from the University of Western Ontario, and a PhD from the University of Ottawa. She is a specialist in World Literatures in English, with an emphasis on South Asia, and has additional interests in Modern British literature, literary theory and criticism (especially the philosophy of Gilles Deleuze), film studies, the work of John Milton, and African literature. Pervez has recently completed her doctoral dissertation on contemporary literature and film of the British South Asian diaspora and is working on turning this project into her first book. Her publications include work on Salman Rushdie, Homi K. Bhabha, Hanif Kureishi, Naguib Mahfouz, Wole Soyinka, and Pakistani cinema. She has presented her work internationally at various academic conferences. She has previously taught Renaissance literature and children's literature at the University of Western Ontario, as well as various courses at the University of Ottawa, including prose fiction, essay writing, and children's literature. Current courses include Partition Literature, Modern Fiction, and the History and Principles of Literary Criticism.

Dr. Zareen Naqvi, Director of Institutional Research

Dr. Naqvi received her PhD in economics from Boston University in 1994. Her areas of interest are macroeconomics, issues of poverty and human development, and applied international trade issues in South Asia, particularly trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan and trade between Pakistan and India. She has recently edited a book titled "The Challenges and Potential of Pakistan-India Trade", which is a World Bank publication.

Dr. Naqvi was a senior economist with The World Bank in Islamabad, Pakistan. She worked with the Government of North West Frontier Province in Pakistan on economic and social sector reforms. Her work on Pakistan was multi-dimensional in the areas of public policy and trade policy reforms. She has also worked extensively on issues of economic integration in South Asia. During 1996-2001 she was the economist working on Afghanistan at The World Bank. In that capacity, Dr. Naqvi helped to build a body of knowledge on Afghanistan's economy and trade with neighboring countries and worked closely with the Afghanistan's assistant partners. She was an assistant professor at Lahore University of Management Sciences in Pakistan in the mid 1990s. At Lahore she taught a variety of courses on international trade, and issues of women in development. Recently she was an instructor in economics at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University in Vancouver (Canada). She joined the University of the Fraser Valley as Director of Institutional Research in May 2007.



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