



Sikh Research Journal

Symposium on Dr. Rahuldeep Gill's Work

As a scholar of Sikh Studies, Dr. Rahuldeep Singh Gill's pedagogy, speaking, and writing all drew from a source of deep conviction to bring Gurbaani to life through disciplined action towards tangible justice. Merging with Vaaheguru on December 31st, 2021, Dr. Gill's impact was felt across the discipline and beyond. As a Professor of Religious Studies at California Lutheran University, Director of the University's Sarah W. Heath Center for Equality and Justice, and active participant in Black Lives Matter's Los Angeles chapter, Dr. Gill was known to friends, students, and comrades alike for his embodied practice of Sikhi – a practice some called [compassionate action](#). Many have cited this practice as their own inspiration for remaining committed to pursuing justice from the lens of Gursikhi Jeevan.

The *Sikh Research Journal (SRJ)* calls for written reflections commemorating Dr. Gill's contributions to his professional academic fields, grassroots community spaces, and his *sangat* across the globe. The *SRJ* is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal in the field of Sikh and Punjabi Studies. The *SRJ* encourages submissions that are accessible to members of Sikh communities outside academia and to academics who are non-specialists in the field.

We invite submissions that are either reflective essays on Dr. Gill's book, *Drinking from Love's Cup: Surrender and Sacrifice in the Vars of Bhai Gurdas Bhalla*, or on other aspects of Dr. Gill's scholarship and activism. Contributors can engage Dr. Gill's work in all areas of Sikh and Punjabi Studies and use Dr. Gill's work as a bridge for topics, including (but not limited to) culture, heritage, history, language, literature, philosophy, religion, and contemporary societal topics. We hope to celebrate the vast breadth of how Dr. Gill worked beyond and through the boundaries of the academy, and how he modeled such types of engagement (see https://linktr.ee/rahuldeep_singh). We encourage submissions from anyone across disciplines and his colleagues, friends, and collaborators. Given Dr. Gill's attention to youth engagement and education, submissions from younger scholars and activists are especially welcome.

Submission process

We expect all submissions to be in the form of written word (images with captions are allowed, given the author has appropriate permissions for re/printing). Submissions should be no more than 5,000 words or 10 pages single-spaced, not including any reference list you may use. Pieces should be near completion and will not go through more than one round of feedback to allow for timely publication. The issue will follow MLA style editorial guidelines. Though submissions do not need to be perfectly formatted at this stage, we encourage contributors to consider formatting as they prepare their piece. Questions and submissions should be sent to both of the editors: Harleen Kaur, PhD (kaurharleen.phd@gmail.com) and prabhdeep singh kehal, PhD (kehal@wisc.edu) and *SRJ*'s book symposium editor Jagbir Jhutti-Johal, PhD (j.jhuttijohal.1@bham.ac.uk). Submissions will be accepted until October 31, 2022.