# Transitions, Tribulations & **Triumphs**























## **Distinguished Achievement Honorees**



Anil Deshpande



Harold A. Gould

## **Plenary Session Speakers**



Vivek Wadhwa



Ambassador Arun K. Singh



## **Featured Guests**



Arun Sharma



David Verquist



Rinku Singh

Dinesh Patel



## **A Warm Sunshine State Welcome**

**SASA.** Two years age we met as the South Asian Studies Alliance, SASA, a project of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC). For years ASPAC saw declining South Asian participation at Asian Studies conferences all around the country. This made no sense so ASPAC decided to test the waters by organizing a South Asia specific conference. Overnight we became the second largest gathering of South Asianists in the U.S. Effective October 18, 2007 we became the South Asian Studies Association, a California non-profit, public benefit corporation. A couple months later the IRS granted us 501(c3) tax exempt status retroactive to the date of incorporation.

**SASA III.** SASA II saw a 25% growth over SASA I, an extraordinary achievement in a period of shrinking budgets and overall declining conference attendance. Over the last several months, with the American economy in turmoil, conferences of all kinds have been severely hammered, SASA included. Yet, we continue to thrive. We are grateful to the University of Central Florida for their generous support and provision of space.

**SASA IV.** Next year we will meet in the heart of Silicon Valley, Santa Clarita, California. As a 100% all volunteer organization we encourage you to join us in pulling together to make SASA IV another success. It is amazing how much can be accomplished at a distance using email and VOIP telephony. If you would like to help, please talk to one of the SASA board members.

**Brown Bag Radio.** In June, 2008 we launched an innovative new service for the academic community, Brown Bag Radio. We host traditional brown bag seminars over our own Internet radio service – a presenter speaks for twenty minutes on his/her current research accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, a discussant makes comments and engages in conversation. Later the show is archived as an mp3 file so the discussion can be heard across time zones. There are many different ways you can be involved with this effort. If you are interested please contact one of the SASA board members.

**Indusphere.** We are assembling the resources to launch own journal -- working name, *Indusphere* – and expect to name an editor by the end of the academic year. We are currently building an editorial board and board of international advisors. For more information, speak with a SASA board member.

**Thanks.** Finally, we all owe deep thanks and appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make this conference successful. It is a 100% volunteer effort. We do it because we believe it is valuable.

- Chandrika Kaul, program chair. At one time or another you all have been in contact with Chandrika. Thank god the weather in Scotland is so miserable that she has almost no inclination to venture outside and away from her Internet connection with all of us.
- Paul Hanson, exhibits chair. We've all come to expect book exhibits but it takes a lot
  of work and emailing to pull everything together. Without the revenue generated by
  book sales we would be out of business.

- Pallavoor "Vaidy" Vaidyanathan, Assistant Vice President for Research at UCF. Vaidy was the "first responder" when we approached UCF about hosting this conference. Without his enthusiasm and quiet support from start to finish nothing would have happen.
- John Bersia, Director of the Office of Global Perspectives, who gave a green light to UCF hosting this conference. Staff support from his office proved invaluable.
- The UCF interns who have helped with registration, book exhibits and a multitude of other conference housekeeping chores.
- Erin Carpenter, Executive Director of The Indus Entrepreneurs, Florida Chapter. Erin was generous with her time and advice as we worked with the TiE board to build additional institutional support.
- Ken Silverman, Iteamworks. Know to some of us as Kirin Lal Chandiwala, Ken is a SASA board member, charter member of TiE Southern California, self-effacing and generous to a fault in sharing his network of contacts to pull together a range of people who enriched both and last year's conferences more than any of us will ever know.
- Finally: An old joke runs...
  - o Q. Why do ducks have big feet?
  - o A. To stamp out forest fires.
  - o Q. Why do elephants have big feet?
  - o A. To stamp out flaming ducks.

If Chandrika and I seem to sit around the coffee pot a lot it is because our feet are singed from months of stomping out the flaming ducks.

Enjoy the conference,

Bill

Dr. William (Bill) Vanderbok SASA President wv@sasia.org







April 3, 2009

Welcome to the University of Central Florida and the South Asian Studies Association's third annual conference. We are happy that you have chosen UCF and we are pleased to offer you our hospitality.

In recent years, UCF has sharpened its focus on South Asia, particularly through The India Program in the College of Sciences' Department of Political Science, and through financial assistance from the Anil and Chitra Deshpande India Program Endowed Fund. Established in 2007, the program sponsors or co-sponsors public discussions involving prominent speakers, panel presentations, and other meetings; encourages scholarship and research; and works with partners worldwide to broaden awareness and understanding about India. Further, the program examines India in terms of politics, technology, communication, culture, and religion, particularly as those issues relate to the country's rise in the 21st century. It also aims to promote understanding and expand relations between India and the United States. The SASA conference will help contribute to many of those goals.

You have my best wishes for a successful conference and a very pleasant stay in the Orlando area.

Cordially yours,

John C. Hit President

## OUR SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ...

We owe heartfelt thanks to many of the UCF family. In particular:

- Pallavoor N. "Vaidy" Vaidyanathan, Asst. VP for Research. Vaidy was the first responder when be began to look for a university in Florida with the facilities needed to host our conference. Without his enthusiastic support we would not be here.
- John C. Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives and co-chair of the India Program. John provided expert knowledge in the ways of the university and key personnel. Without his support the conference would not have been possible.
- Roger Handberg, chair of the Department of Political Science and co-chair of the India Program. India Program support opened doors all across campus.
- Mark Freeman, Public Affairs Coordinator, Global Perspectives Office. Mark's detail knowledge of the campus and willingness to go to bat for us in all matter of conference organizing, both big and small, made putting it all together so much easier.
- Gabriela (Gabby) Othon, Program and Research Coordinator, Global Perspectives Office, provided timely backup support for both John and Mark.



## The Global Network of Entrepreneurs

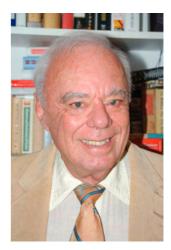
Erin Carpenter, Executive Director of TiE, Florida, proved invaluable in providing introductions, assisting with catering, supporting registration and advising in many other ways.

TiE was founded in 1992 in Silicon Valley by a group of successful entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and senior professionals with roots in the Indus region. There are currently more than 12,000 members and over 1,800 charter members in 53 chapters across 12 countries. TiE's mission is to foster entrepreneurship globally through mentoring, networking, and education. Dedicated to the virtuous cycle of wealth creation and giving back to the community, TiE's focus is on generating and nurturing our next generation of entrepreneurs.

### Honoring Harold A. Gould

#### Books by Hal:

- Sikhs, Swamis, Students, and Spies: The India Lobby in the United States, 1900-1946. (2006)
- C. Uday Bhaskar. I first met Hal more than a decade ago.....and we had a natural bond.....as sailors from two different navies. As I got to know him....and his work, I was struck by the quality of integrity that characterised his writing...which in relation to US academia and South Asia was very distinctive. Prof. Gould has a natural empathy for the sub-continent and has dared to plough a lonely furrow and ....if I may mix metaphors.....has consistently chosen to swim against the dominant discourses that have found favor in the Baltway. More prof.



discourses that have found favor in the Beltway. More power to his quill.

• Surjit Mansingh. I am so very happy that the AAS is honoring Hal and would have been very sorry to have missed the chance of adding my two bits.

My most vivid memory of Hal is from 20 years ago when I had been invited to UICU and the Goulds very kindly put me up.

Hal and I went for a long walk over that flat, fat, plain. There were a couple of what I would call 'pimples' in the landscape that we surmounted with ease. But Hal told his wife on return, "she is a --- mountain goat to keep up with but I did."

Of course, there have been many other, more serious, conversations, and his wonderful books and articles. I would cite Hal as a prize winner in the "how NOT to grow old" category.

- Walter Hauser. Congratulations on the nice honor bestowed on you by the South Asian Studies Association. You are among us, the quintessential scholar, publicist, and friend. You have honored us all over these many years by your presence in the profession. Thanks for all of it.
- Loki [T.N.] Madan. What may I say about Hal Gould? Many things. For starters, let me say that I must be one of those very few people with whom he has never had a fight! This is remarkable in view of the brutal fact that we first met in 1954, and became friends in 1959. Since then we have met in many places (including my ancestral home in Kashmir) and many, many times. We have shared intellectual interests and perspectives; we have read, criticized and appreciated one another's work. Surely, from the 1960 through the 1980s his anthropological voice was one of the most knowledgeable and authoritative and sympathetic in the study of India. Later, he broadened his interests to include political and foreign policy issues, and this too most authoritatively.

As a friend of India, his circle of friends is vast, and includes, besides professional colleagues, rickshaw pullers, taxi drivers, cooks, journalists, musicians, politicians, publishers and, of course, golfers! I should add to this list my mother, wife and two children.

One of the best gifts he ever gave me was to arrange an invitation for me to go to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana as a visiting professor in 1971-72. Since then I have been at half a dozen other universities in the USA, but that first visit remains for me the most memorable, thanks to Hal and Kety. My favourite picture from that time is of Hal carrying my eight year old daughter on

his shoulders in a Turkey Run Park. She used to call him Golden (from Gould) Uncle. That about describes him!

Congratulations all around.

- **John Evans.** I¹m happy to add my voice to the chorus of praise. Though you and I haven¹t had a chance to work together since our graduate-student days at Ohio State (that was only 60 years ago), we had fun studying the Amish and driving up to Plain City in our Chrysler New Yorkers; and you¹ve gone on to flesh out a truly distinguished career. My hat is off to you, my good friend.
- Sumit Ganguly. Hal was a member of my dissertation committee at the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. Much of what I know about Indian political sociology can be traced to Hal's attempts to introduce me to that corpus of literature. Of course, he was much more than a garden-variety intellectual mentor. He basically opened up a set of intellectual vistas which I have been able to explore throughout my professional career. My debt to him is substantial.
- Ambassador Harry K. Thomas, Jr. -- Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel. Dr. Gould is a noted South Asia don, widely respected for his scholarship and candor. I recommend his primer on India-US relations to all Foreign Service personnel heading to South Asia for the first time. It is a treasure trove of information.

I will leave it to others to paint Hal's career in South Asia but I want to stress that he has been a fighter for equal rights from his days as a sailor trying to integrate the segregated navy through his time at Pitt and UVa where he encouraged and counseled minority students while demanding that they do their best. His selection of the equally scholarly Ketty to be his life partner was the best decision of his life, however, his enduring fascination for the Boston Red Sox and the woeful Pittsburgh Pirates proves that even a scholar can sometimes come up short.

### **Honoring Anil Deshpande**



Supported by Anil and Chitra Deshpande, the UCF newly created India Programme Endowed Fund will the program will sponsor public discussions involving prominent speakers, panels and other meetings; encourage scholarship and research; and work with partners worldwide to achieve its goal. The program will cover India in terms of politics, technology, communication, culture and religion.

"I think Indians in general, who came here a long time back, may be in the 1970s or 1980s, feel the need to contribute after taking care of

their families and businesses or whatever professions they may be. And that is why I chose to make this contribution. It's not me alone. It is a nationwide phenomenon," Anil Deshpande told *India Abroad* in a telephone interview.

Deshpande, who came over from Mumbai in 1971, is a prominent businessman in the Central Florida housing industry. He served as a project manager for the Orlando International Airport. In 1984 he co-founded Park Square Homes, a residential building and land development company, eventually growing it to be the 69th largest home builder in the United States.

Anil and his wife Chitra have supported UCF programs related to India and other international initiatives during the past several years. The initial contribution to the endowed fund is \$100,000 and, with anticipated state matching money, will increase to \$150,000. Others who are interested in the program may make contributions to the fund by gift or bequest.

The programme will be part of the Department of Political Science in the College of Sciences., and Roger Handberg, chair of the Department of Political Science, will serve as interim co-directors.

Asked how the programme was going to different from similar such initiatives at other US universities, Deshpande said "What we will be doing is study what other universities have been doing and thus avoid the duplication of work. This initiative is not just for this university but for others in Florida."

Asked why he chose to make the donation to the University of Central Florida and not to the University of Florida, his alma mater, Deshpande commented "I have been living here and am involved with the university in many ways. They have very active international programmes and have lot of enthusiasm for this program," he said.

Echoing this goal, John C Bersia, special assistant to the president for Global Perspectives, commented that "through The India Programme UCF will establish a leadership position in conversations about this [India[ emerging power."

Handberg said the new programme provides an important expansion of the study of one of the world's most important nations, adding that 'there can be no serious global discussion without considering India.'

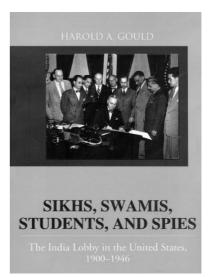
Peter Panousis, dean of the College of Sciences, underscored India's growing role in global economics. "Unfortunately, we often fail to grasp the underlying understanding of the political, economic and cultural issues that have led to India's dramatic growth in world influence," he said. "This endowment will help UCF create a program that is designed to better understand these issues and provide a foundation for mutually advantageous partnerships."

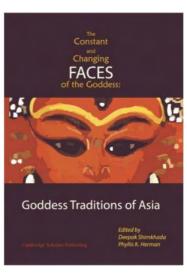
Deshpande said his wife was as enthusiastic as he was to help launch the programmes. "Without her encouragement and active interest this could not have been done."

Deshpande's leadership in the business arena also carries over into politics, arts, education and religion. He is a **charter member of TiE Florida**. He has served on the Board of the Hindu Society of Central Florida as well as the Asian Cultural Association for several years. He is a Board Member of the Mid Florida Homes Builders Association as well as being active on the Developer's Council. He is a member of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce. He is on the Board of Paradigm Technology Solutions, United Arts of Central Florida, and Bank First. He is a certified general contractor and certified professional engineer in the State of Florida.

[Adapted from Suman Guha Mozumder in Redif, February 28, 2008 and the TiE Florida website.]







#### **BROWN BAG RADIO**

Shortly after last year's SASA conference we began experimenting with a new medium of scholarly outreach – Brown Bag Radio. BBR uses a live, Internet based format joined to PowerPoint presentations available for viewing during the program. Audience participation is via instant messengers, e.g. AOL. Presenter and discussant can be anywhere in the world and participate via telephone conference call. Programs are archived at <a href="https://www.brownbagradio.net">www.brownbagradio.net</a> for viewing/listening regardless of time zone.

BBR owes a special word of thanks to Mr. Ravi Mahalingam, a very talented young musician, for contributing his original composition, *Jagat*, to Brown Bag Radio for its theme music.

When BBR resumes after the conference there will be a number of format changes. If you would like to be a part of the new BBR please speak to one of the SASA board members.

#### Programs to date include:

Presenter	Discussant	Topic
A.C. Shukla, Environmental Studies Center, Kanpur	Paul Wallace, University of Misssouri	Politics of the Taj Corridor Project
Jagdish Sheth, Emory University	Nirvikar Singh,UC Santa Cruz	Chindia Rising
Anjoo Sharan, Banaras Hindu University	Nita Kumar, Claremont McKenna College	Self-Determination
Rafiq Dossani, Stanford University	Pradeep Chhibber, UC Berkeley	India Arriving
Vivek Wadhwa, Duke University	Siddarth Swaminathan, La Sierra University	Facts and Myths in the Globalization Debate
Muthusama Kumaran, University of Hawaii, Manoa	Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University	Role of the Indian NGO Sector in the Public Policy Making Process
Harold A. Gould, University of Illinois	Knut Jacobsen, University of Bergen, Norway	Sikhs Immigration to Canada and the US
Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University	Muthusami Kumaran, University of Hawaii, Manoa	Globalization, the State and Policy Production: The Case of Water in India
Rasal Bakshsh Rais, Lahore University of Management Science	Ehsan Ahrari, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies	Contemporary Pakistani Politics
T.S. Gopi Rethinaraj, National University of Singapore	Siddarth Swaminathan, La Sierra University	Geopolitics of India's Energy Security

Denny Richmond, Kaiser Permanente Foundation	Ruddy Rupnik, Planet Hospital, Inc.	Medical Tourism
Dean McHenry, Claremont Graduate University	William Vanderbok, SASA	Can Separation Lead to Integration
Michel Potts, India West	Rajiv Satyal, stand-up comic; Aneetha Rajan, film maker	Growing Up Desi
Anil Verma, Christ Church College, Kanpur	Paul Brass, University of Washington	Mayawati's New Style of Politics
Gunjan Bagla, Amrit,Inc.	Arif Zaman, Commonwealth Business Council	Doing Business in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century India
Pankaj Jain, North Carolina State University	Daniel Michon, Claremont McKenna College	Dharma, Hinduism and Environmental Ethics
Sanchita Saxena, UC, Berkeley	Kristin Edquist, Eastern Washington University	How Can We Be More Productive: A Study of the Garments and Textiles Industry in Bangladesh
Nischal Nath Pandey, South Asia Foundation, Kathmandu	Mahendra Lawoti, Western Washington University	The First 100 Days of CPN Rule



## Other SASA Programs Currently Under Development

<u>The SASA Journal</u>. The name is not yet settled. We are in the process of fine-tuning the journal's mission statement, appointing the first editor, building an editorial board, recruiting an international board of advisors and all the other things necessary to make it successful.

<u>The SASA Blog</u>. Again, the name is not settled. This project is not as far along as the Journal but is something that we are keenly interested in developing.

<u>If you are interested</u> in either one of these, don't be shy. Express your interest to any of our board members.

#### **The SASA Board of Directors:**

- William Vanderbok, president, political science
- Chandrika Kaul, vice president, St. Andrews University, history
- Deepak Shimkhada, treasurer, Claremont McKenna College, religious studies
- Dean McHenry, secretary, Claremont Graduate University, political science
- Paul Hanson, California Lutheran University, history
- Ram M. Roy, California State University, Northridge, political science
- Ken Silverman, president of Interactive Teamworks
- Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University, political science

Publishers are offered the opportunity to donate materials for display at SASA conferences. Materials are available for sale at 50% of list price. Interns staff the display area and get their pick of unsold materials at conference end. Whatever remains is donated to the UCF library. We wish to thank the following publishers for their donations:

- Sage Publications
- Lynne Rienner Publishers
- Taylor and Francis
- News India Times Group USA
- University of Hawaii Press
- Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group





### **About Ambassador Arun K. Singh**



Arun K. Singh joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1979, after completing his Masters Degree in Economics from Delhi University, and teaching at the University for two years.

His first assignment abroad was at the Embassy of India, Moscow from 1981-1982, where he learnt Russian. Later, he served at the Indian Missions in Addis Ababa as Second Secretary from 1982-1985, and in Tokyo as First Secretary from 1985 – 1988.

On returning to Delhi at the Headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, he served as Deputy Secretary /

Director dealing with East Asia and Pakistan Divisions from 1988-1991. From 1991-1993, he headed the Offices of the Foreign Secretary and the External Affairs Minister of India.

Ambassador Singh served at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations Office, New York from 1993-1997 as Counsellor and handled multilateral social and economic negotiations. He served in the Indian Mission at Moscow again as Counsellor / Minister from 1997-2000.

During his assignment in Delhi from 2000-2005, he served in the capacity of Joint Secretary dealing first with the United Nations Policy, and then Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Divisions at the Ministry of External Affairs.

Ambassador Singh served as Ambassador of India to Israel from April 2005 to September, 2008. He assumed his new assignment as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India, Washington D.C on October 9, 2008. He currently serves as the interim Ambassador of India pending the arrival of Ambassador Meera Shankar.

Ambassador Singh speaks Russian and Japanese and has some knowledge of French and Hebrew.

He is married to Mrs. Maina Singh; they have one daughter.

#### **About Vivek Wadhwa**



Vivek Wadhwa is a fellow with the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School and executive in residence/adjunct professor at the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University. He helps students better prepare for the real world, lectures in classes and leads groundbreaking research into globalization and the U.S. competitive advantage. He is also an advisor to several start-up companies and a regular columnist for BusinessWeek.com.

Wadhwa has long been a pioneer of change and innovation in the technology industry, and has founded 2 software companies. He started his career as a software developer and gained a deep understanding of the challenges in building computer systems.

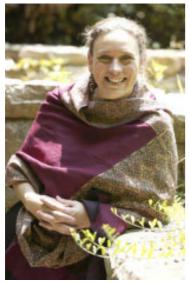
His quest to help solve some of IT's most daunting problems began at New York based investment banking powerhouse CS First Boston, where he was Vice President of Information Services. There he spearheaded the development of technology for creating computer systems which was so successful that CSFB decided to spin off this business unit into its own company, Seer Technologies. As Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Wadhwa helped grow the nascent startup into a \$118 million publicly traded company.

With the explosion of the Internet, Wadhwa saw an even greater opportunity to help businesses adapt to new and fast changing technologies, and started Relativity Technologies. As a result of his vision, Wadhwa was named a "Leader of Tomorrow" by Forbes.com. Relativity was named as one of the 25 "coolest" companies in the world by Fortune Magazine.

Wadhwa's research at Duke University has focused on the impact of globalization on the engineering profession, the competitive threat from India and China, and one of America's greatest advantages – its skilled immigrants. This research has received worldwide attention and acclaim.

Mr. Wadhwa holds an MBA from New York University and a B.A. in Computing Studies from the Canberra University in Australia. **He is founding president of the Carolinas chapter of The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TIE)**, a non-profit global network intended to foster entrepreneurship. He has been featured in thousands of articles in worldwide publications including The Wall Street Journal, Forbes Magazine, Washington Post, New York Times, U.S. News and World Report and Science Magazine. He has also made many appearances on U.S. and international TV stations including CNN, ABC, NBC, CNBC and the BBC.

#### **About Laurie L. Patton**



Laurie L. Patton, Charles Howard Candler Professor (1996). She earned her B.A. from Harvard University and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. For several years during the last two decades she has made her Indian home in Pune, Maharashtra. Her scholarly interests are in the interpretation of early Indian ritual and narrative, comparative mythology, literary theory in the study of religion, and women and Hinduism in contemporary India.

In addition to over 45 articles in these fields, she is the author or editor of seven books: *Authority, Anxiety, and Canon: Essays in Vedic Interpretation* (ed.,1994); *Myth as Argument: The Brhaddevata as Canonical Commentary* (author, 1996); *Myth and Method* (ed., with Wendy Doniger,1996); *Jewels of* 

Authority: Women and Text in the Hindu Tradition (ed., 2002); Bringing the Gods to Mind: Mantra and Ritual in Early Indian Sacrifice (author, 2004) and The Indo-Aryan Controversy: Evidence and Inference in Indian History (ed., with Edwin Bryant, 2005); Notes from a Mandala: Essays in the Indian History of Religions in Honor of Wendy Doniger (ed., with David Haberman, forthcoming). Her book of poetry, Fire's Goal: Poems from a Hindu Year, was published by White Clouds Press in 2003, and her translation of the Bhagavad Gita is forthcoming from Penguin Press Classics Series. Her next book of poetry, just completed, focuses on the weekly parshiyot of the Jewish ritual year.

She has worked as a Fulbright scholar in Israel in 2000, and again in 2004 where she was completing research for her forthcoming book, *Grandmother Language: Women and Sanskrit in Maharashtra and Beyond.* She is also completing a methodological work, *Scholar and the Fool: The Secular Scholar of Religion and 21st Century Publics* (contracted with University of Chicago Press).

Prof. Patton served as Chair of the Department from 2000-2007, as Co-convenor of the Religions and the Human Spirit Strategic Plan from 2005-2007, and as Winship Distinguished Research Professor from 2003-06. She was the recipient of Emory's highest award for teaching, the Emory Williams Award, in 2006.

### **About David Verquist**



The Center for Medical Tourism Research: The First Center in the World Devoted to the Medical Tourism Industry

Another first is occurring in the Medical Tourism industry. The newly launched Center for Medical Tourism Research (<a href="http://www.medicaltourismresearch.org">http://www.medicaltourismresearch.org</a>) is located in the H-E-B School of Business & Administration at the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) in San Antonio, Texas, USA. This center is the first center in the world to focus on medical tourism research and is a partnership between the Medical Tourism Association

(<a href="http://www.medicaltourismassociation.com/">http://www.medicaltourismassociation.com/</a>) and UIW. The center founder and director is David George Vequist IV, Ph.D. who is regarded as one of the leading academic speakers and authors on medical tourism.

#### The Vision of the Center

To serve as the premier academic center for Medical Tourism/Travel research in the world. The center will provide high-quality research and thought-leadership in the economic, social justice, and societal impacts of the Medical Tourism/Travel industry. The center will also uphold the Mission of the University of the Incarnate Word: Faith; Service; Innovation; Truth; and Education.

#### What Does the Center Do?

The center is aggressively pursuing primary data and accumulating secondary data to support the development of thought leadership, best practices, lessons learned, and policy formulation in the new industry of Medical Tourism. As part of its purpose, the center will supply members of the Medical Tourism Association (MTA) with leading edge research and the truth about the impacts of this trend on the countries, companies and people involved in this industry through both the MTA and Center websites and papers.

#### Dr. David G. Vequist IV, Director, Center for Medical Tourism Research

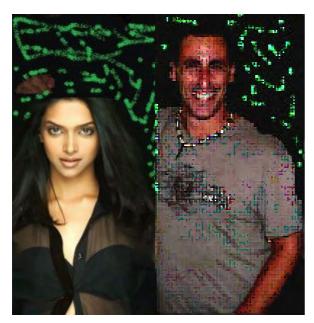
Dr. Vequist has been one of the first academic researchers to focus on Medical Tourism and now boasts a robust slate of research on the business and markets of Medical Tourism. Dr. Vequist is currently expanding his research on the impact of Medical Tourism on medical equipment, pharmaceutical sales, and on the pricing of procedures by doctors in Border States.

### **About JB Bernstien, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel**



JB Bernstein operates 7 Figures Management, a sports promotion and management firm with offices in San Mateo, California and Miami Beach, Florida. Last year he conceived and produced "The Million Dollar Arm," a reality show for Indian television. It goes into a second season starting in November. The winners of last year's program, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel, have been signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates with JB as their sports agent.

Rinku and Dinesh are currently undergoing total multicultural immersion at the Pirates training camp in Bradenton, Florida, learning both English and baseball at an astonishing rate with both grace and humor in spite of a gruelling training schedule and early curfew (which is why they will have to leave the banquet early). As newly minted "Boys of Summer" they maintain a "Baseball Yatra" blog at <a href="http://www.themilliondollararm.com/blog/">http://www.themilliondollararm.com/blog/</a>. The blog allows them to express their essential decency and good hearted nature, making them a great favourite of sports writers across the nation. For example:



"I also getting good computer making pictures. JB Sir liking Deepika Paduke, so I making this picture."



## **Daily Program**

#### FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2009

# REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:15 IN THE FAIRWINDS ALUMNI CENTER LOBBY

### 9:00 AM, OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Fairwinds Ballroom B & C

Speaker: Laurie Patton, Charles Howard Candler Professor and Professor of Early Indian Religions, Emory University.

Topic: A Contemporary Mother: Sanskrit and the Feminine in Present Day

India

#### MIXER/BOOK BROWSE, 10.00 -10:30 AM

Fairwinds Lobby and Library beverages and snacks provided

#### SESSION 1: 10.30 AM - Noon

PANEL 1A, Fairwinds Ballroom C INDIA: MEDIA AND EMPIRE

Moderator: John Bersia, University of Central Florida

Chandrika Kaul, University of St Andrews, Scotland Communications, Media and Globalization in the context of Britain's Indian empire

Caleb Simmons, University of Florida

Severed Heads and Intersubjectivity: Gaze Politics in Anti-British Political Iconography of mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century India.

Joe Pellegrino, Georgia Southern University

**Culture Through Comics: The Success of Amar Chitra Katha** 

PANEL 1B, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

## <u>DISCOURSES OF KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE: GENDER AND RELIGION IN INDIA</u>

Modertor: Laurie Patton, Emory University

Pratyusha Basu, University of South Florida

Cows as Dairy and Deity: Linking Religion and Development in India.

Carlos Lopez, University of South Florida

Debunking the ars erotica: The Kāmasūtra as scientia sexualis.

Muhammad Hammad Lakhvi, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Gender Discrimination and "Women Protection Bill 2006"

#### **LUNCH AND PLENARY SESSION, 12:30 – 2:00 PM**

Fairwinds Ballroom A

Speaker, Harold A. Gould, University of Illinois (retired)

Topic: America's Half Century Struggle to Control the Political Agenda in South

Asia





#### **SESSION 2: 2:00 PM – 3.30 PM**

PANEL 2A, Fairwinds Ballroom B

#### PAKISTAN: POLITICS, SOCIETY AND NATION

Moderator: Arif Zaman

Rana Eijaz Ahmad, University of the Punjab, Lahore **Pakistan: Transitions, Tribulations and Triumphs** 

Umbreen Javaid, University of the Punjab, Lahore

Changing Trends of Security and Common Grounds for Skeptical Neighbors in South Asia

Daniela Bredi, Sapienza University of Rome

For a history of the frontiers of Islam - Kargil and the Kingdom of Purig

PANEL 2B, Fairwinds Ballroom C

### NEPAL IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

Modertor: Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College

Todd Lewis, College of the Holy Cross

The Buddha's Life Retold in 20th Century Nepal: Contextualizing Chittadhar Hridaya's Masterpiece, Sugata Saurabha

Bishal Bhakta Kasu, Illinois State University

Coverage of the People's War of Nepal in American Newspaper

M. Eliatamby-de-Silva, George Mason University

Women at the Frontlines of Combat in Non-State Armed Groups in Nepal and Sri Lanka

PANEL 2C, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### SOUTH ASIA: LITERATURE, HISTORY AND COLONIALISM

MODERTOR: Joe Pellegirno, Georgia Southern University

Aditya Adarkar, Montclair State University

Epic and Modern Karna Narratives: Ethical Ambiguities and Stark Tragedies

Biplab Chakraborty, University of Burdwan, West Bengal

Fore-Grounding of Colonial History in Indian Literature: A Stylistic Approach

Anita Anantharam, University of Florida

What the Body Remembers: Memory, Community, and Women's Poetry in Hindi and Urdu

Syeda Sara Abbas, Carnegie Mellon University.

The Coming of the Mahdi: The Construction of Utopia in Shia literary narrative

#### MIXER/BOOK BROWSE, 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Fairwinds Lobby and Library beverages and snacks provided

**SESSION 3: 4:00 - 5.30 PM** 

PANEL 3A, Fairwinds Ballroom C

#### SRI LANKA: SECTARIAN CONFLICT AND THE ECONOMY

Moderator: Pratyusha Basu, University of South Florida

Asoka Bandarage, Georgetown University The Separatist Conflict in Sri Lanka

Rajesh Venugopal, University of Oxford

Cosmopolitan Capitalism and Sectarian Socialism: The Politics of Market Reform and the Failure of the Liberal Peace in Sri Lanka, 2001-2004

Rotua Lumbantobing, North Carolina State University

Household Location Decisions with Respect to Water Availability:

Evidence of Sorting Equilibrium in Southwestern Sri Lanka

Shantha Wanninayake, Gothenburg University

Internally displaced persons in Sri Lanka: Relationships between self-settled IDPs and their hosts in the North and North Central Part of the Country

PANEL 3B, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### **INDIA: MODERN POLITICS AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

Moderator: Harold A. Gould, University of Virginia

Dean E. McHenry, Jr., Claremont Graduate University.

The Lok Sabha in Transition: Is Parliamentary Democracy in India Threatened?

A. C. Shukla, Environmental Studies Center, Kanpur Coalition Politics and Indo-US Civil Nuclear Accord

Md. Masum Emran, University of Florida

Changing the Family Structure in Developed and Developing Countries – Should We Care?

Erik Komarov, Russian Academy of Sciences

Regularities of Democratization: The Case of India in Comparative Perspective

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SESSION 4: 8:30 AM -10.00 AM

PANEL 4A, Fairwinds Ballroom C

SRI LANKA: POLITICS, CASTE AND THE ECONOMY

Moderator: Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington Unviersity

Daniel Bass, Lynn University

A Place Called Home: Up-country Tamil Repatriates in India

Francesca Bremner, Montclair State University

Journeys of Displacement and Arrival: Return Migration in Sri Lanka

Sasikumar Balasundaram, University of South Carolina

Untouchables Became Touchable: Changing Caste Identity Among the Up-

**Country Tamils in Contemporary Sri Lanka** 

PANEL 4B, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### <u>ART, CULTURE AND RELIGION OF INDIA AND NEPAL – I</u>

Moderator: Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College

Julia Hegewald, University of Manchester

Water Architecture: The Dhungedharas of Nepal

Dina Bangdel, Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Tourist Art of Nepal** 

Katherine Harper, Loyola Marymount University.

**Neo-Tantric Art of Nepal** 

#### MIXER/BOOK BROWSE, 10.00 -10:30 AM

Fairwinds Lobby and Library beverages and snacks provided

**SESSION 5: 10:30 AM – 12:00 pm** 

PANEL 5A: Fairwinds Ballroom C

#### ART, CULTURE AND RELIGION OF INDIA AND NEPAL, II

Moderator: Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College

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**Kumari -- Then and Now** 

Lynn Marie Ate, Washington State University

Onranpakuti: A 'Single Part' of the Tamil Epic Cilappatikaram ''The Case of the Anklet'' and its significance to the study of South Indian Vaisnavism

Purnima Mehta Bhatt, Hood College

Nature, Animals and Birds in the Water Architecture of Gujarat, India

PANEL 5B: Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### **INDIAN POLITICS, ECONOMY AND CULTURE**

Moderator: Dean McHenry, Claremont Graduate University

Badrinath Rao, Kettering University

"If Salt Itself Loseth Its Flavor....." Making Sense of Corruption in the Justice System in India

Sheba Saeed, University of Birmingham, UK

Changing government policies in India towards begging in the context of their overall attitude towards poverty alleviation from 1947 to the present day

Shalini Kakar, University of California at Santa Barbara

Devotional Fanscapes in Popular Culture: Rajinikanth Fan Club, A New Political Force?

#### **LUNCH AND PLENARY SESSION, 12:00 – 1:30 PM**

Fairwinds Ballroom A & B

Speaker, Vivek Wadhwa, Executive in Residence, Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University; and Fellow, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School. **Vivek is also the Founding President of TiE Carolinas.** 

Topic: Globalization: India, China and Myths in the U.S. Competitiveness Debate

**SESSION 6: 1:30 PM – 3:00 pm** 

PANEL 6A, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### THE POLITICS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Moderator: Dr. Kirti Kalidas, practicing physician and **charter member of TiE Florida** 

Jeffrey Gower, SUNY Buffalo

Guinea Pig to the World? India's New Drug Trial Industry

Subir K. Kole, East West Center/ University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dept. of Political Science

Liberalizing" public health: The political economy of HIV/AIDS epidemic in India

Akash Acharya, South Gujarat University

Health Needs of the Urban Poor: Findings from 22 low-income settlements in Surat, India

David G. Verquist, University of the Incarnate Word **Medical Tourism and India** (continued as Panel 7D)

PANEL 6B, Fairwinds Ballroom C

#### INDIA AND PAKISTAN: THE STATE, VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM

Moderator; Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University

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**Combating Terrorism in India: Strategies and Options** 

Prudence F. Bruns PhD, University of California, Berkeley

India's RAW and Pakistan's ISI: Implications of the Use of Proxy Armies in South Asia

Madhavi Bhasin, Global India Foundation, North America Chapter

The Mumbai Terror Attacks and Resilience of Indian Democracy

#### MIXER/BOOK BROWSE, 3:00 -3:30 PM

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PANEL 7A, Fairwinds GSA Boardroom

#### **DIASPORAS**

Moderator: Harold A. Gould, University of Virginia

Mohammed Alam., Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

Situating Asian Indian Diaspora in the United States: An Exploratory Study

Dipika Mukherjee, University of Leiden., The Netherlands

Women's Voices In The Diaspora: Is "Multi" Something To Be Celebrated?

Movindri Reddy, Occidental College, Los Angeles

Transnational Identity: the Post-Colonial South Asian Diaspora

PANEL 7B, Fairwinds Ballroom C

#### **DOING BUSINESS IN AND WITH INDIA**

Moderator, Badrinath Rao, Kettering University

Arif Zaman, Commonwealth Business Council Council / Henley Business School Strengthening the Business Environment in South Asia: A Regional Perspective

Arun Sharma, Miami University

**Indo-Latin American Trade** 

Ken Silverman, Iteamworks and **TiE Charter Member**, Southern California Chapter **Bollywood Inside Hollywood** 

PANEL 7C, Fairwinds Second Floor Conference Room

#### **BANGLADESH: POLITICS, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**

Modertor: Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University

Md. Taufigul Islam and Koichi Fujita, Kyoto University, Japan.

Empowering Rural Administration at the Lowest-level in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study with India

Humayun Kabir, Hiroshima University, Japan.

Social and Political Context of Islamic Schooling in Bangladesh: the Case of *Madrasas* and *Ulamas* in Brahmanbaria Municipality

Mohammad Ehsanul Kabir, and Mohammad Tariq Ahsan, Monash University, Australia.

Inclusion in Early Childhood Education through Electronic Media: A Case Study of Sesame Street (Sisimpur) in Bangladesh

#### PANEL 7D, Fairwinds Library

#### Medical Tourism and India (a continuation of 6A)

#### David G. Verquist, University of the Incarnate Word

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

Fairwinds Ballroom (A, B & C)

Reception, 5:30PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM, seating will begin 6:15

Speaker: JB Bernstein, 7 Figures Management, with Rinku Singh and Dinesh

Patel of the Pittsburgh Pirates

**Awards Ceremony** 

Speaker: The Honorable Arun K. Singh, Ambassador of India

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Vegetable Cutlets

Paneer 65

#### **Entrees**

Kaju Panner

Kashmiri Vegetables

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#### **SESSION 8:30 AM TO 10.00 AM**

PANEL 8A: Fairwinds Ballroom A

#### MODERN INDIAN ECONOMIC ISSUES: WATER AND AGRICULTURE

Moderator: Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University

Kashif Hasnie, Environmental Studies Centre, Kanpur, India

**Baghliar: An Aqueous Conflict** 

Muniandi Jegadeesan and K. Fujita, Kyoto University, Japan

Transformation of Tank Irrigated Agriculture in Tamil Nadu: A of Study of

Three Villages Cancelled because of visa complications

Lekha Yadav, University of Michigan

Social Capital and Cooperation on the Commons: Groundwater Governance in Central and Western India

PANEL 8B. Fairwinds Ballroom B

## THEMES IN INDIAN HISTORY FROM THE ANCIENT TO THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD

Moderator: Carlos Lopez, University of South Florida

Balkrishan Shivram

Thicker than Blood: Some Thoughts on the Nature of 'Kinship Authority' in

**Early Mughal Empire** 

Suman Venkatesh Mallipattana, Columbia University

'Tipu Sultan's debacle with the French

E. N. Komarov, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Evolution of Land Revenue System in India from Ancient through Medieval Times** 



PANEL 8C: Fairwinds Ballroom C

## <u>ISSUES IN ISLAMIC NARRATIVES AND PAKISTANI CONTEMPORARY POLITICS</u>

Moderator: Arif Zaman, Commonwealth Business Council, London

Bhumitra Chakma, University of Hull, UK **Pakistan's Strategic Future and South Asia** 

Geoffrey Cook, Muslim Observer / India Abroad Rediff A Critical Analysis of the Islamic Imagery Project

Mohammad Yusuf Siddiq, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Globalization in the Medieval World of Islam

#### MIXER/BOOK BROWSE, 10.00 -10:30 AM

Fairwinds Lobby and Library beverages and snacks available

#### **SESSION 9: 10:30-12.00 AM**

PANEL 9A, Fairwinds Ballroom A

#### **PARTITION NARRATIVES**

MODERTOR: Joe Pellegrino, Georgia Southern University

Tridivesh Singh Maini, The Indian Express

The unexplored side of partition and its relevance for South Asia

Shahzad Husain, University of Concordia, Montreal

Mother India in and "out" of the Household? : Same-Sex Desire in Manto and Chughtai's Short Stories

PANEL 9B, Fairwinds Ballroom B

#### **ISSUES IN EDUCATION**

Moderator: [to be announced]

Sanaa Raiz, University of Arkansas

Private Islamic Schooling in Pakistan: A New Dawn of Islamic Education in South Asia

Saba Ashraf Danawala, The University of Texas at Austin

Reevaluating "Muslimness" Amongst Indi-Fijians: An Analysis of the Role of the Fiji Muslim League's Educational Institutions

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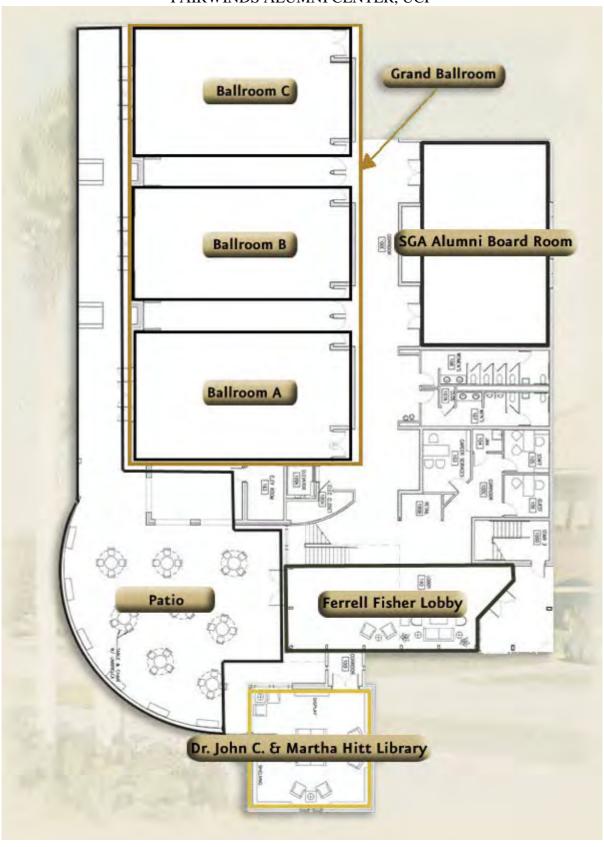


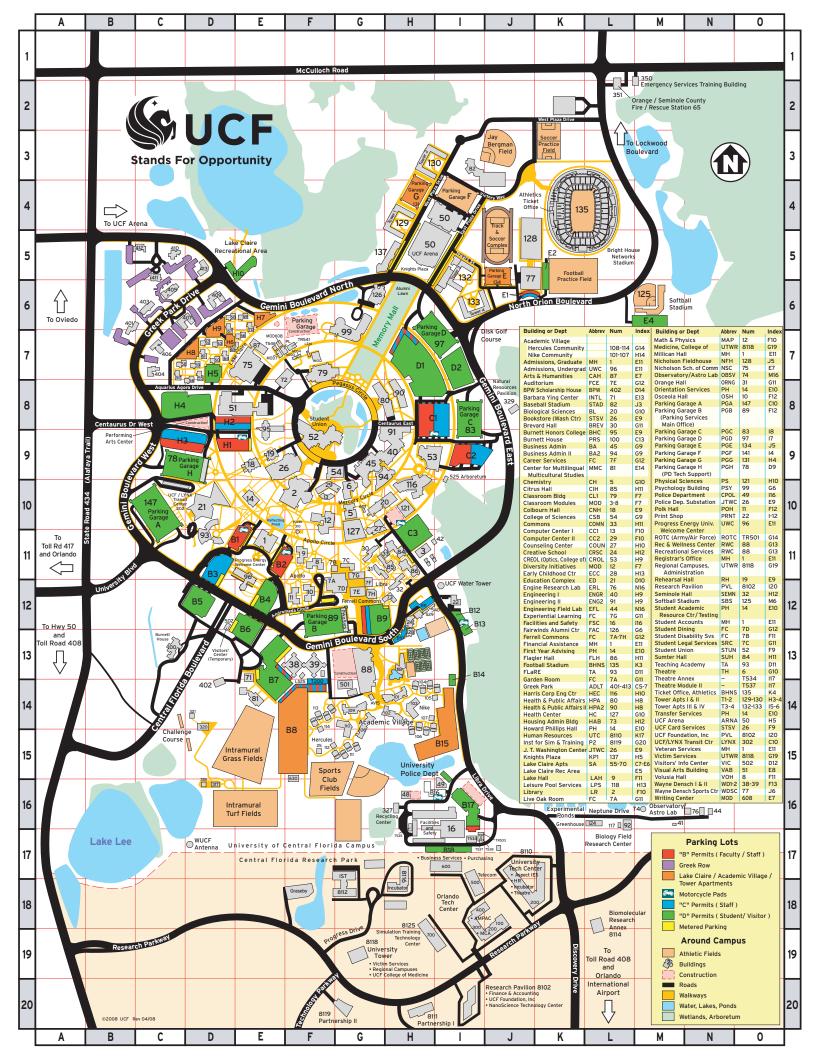






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