



NIKKY-GUNINDER KAUR SINGH: RECOVERING THE FEMININE IN SIKHISM

Wednesday, March 25th, 5-6pm
Suntrust Auditorium

The Sikh sacred text brings together Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim voices. Grounded in the one universal reality, it serves as a rich reservoir that we can draw upon in our own divided and polarized global society. But somehow translations and interpretations eclipse the full force of its inclusive content and style. I want us to use a feminist lens to recover the empowering philosophy and poetics of Sikh scripture. How do we translate and access the spiritual lyrics? How do we hear them so they create arabesques of understanding across genders, cultures, and religions? How do we apply them to the body of our Mother Earth, mata dharati?

Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh is the Crawford Professor and chair of the department of Religious Studies at Colby College. Her interests focus on Asian Religions, feminist issues, and sacred art and poetry. Dr. Singh has published extensively in the field of Sikh studies, including books and numerous articles. Her books include *The First Sikh: The Life and Legacy of Guru Nanak*, *The Name of My Beloved: Verses of the Sikh Gurus*, and *Of Sacred and Secular Desire: An Anthology of Lyrical Writings from the Punjab*. She lectures nationally and internationally, and has appeared on television and radio in America, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, India, and Bangladesh.

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