

ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

Designated as a Pan-Asia National Resource Center under the US Department of Education's Title VI program, the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University directs one of the largest, most diverse programs of education about Asia in the Midwest. Unlike other programs, the Center is distinguished by its cross-cutting approach to Central, East, North, South, Southeast, and Central Asia in the design of its curriculum, focus on faculty research, and outreach activities. Presently, the Center's 240+ affiliated faculty members represent various academic departments in all of MSU's 17 colleges.

The Asian Studies Center collaborates closely with affiliates and specialists in various colleges and departments. The Center provides support to both faculty members and undergraduate and graduate students through fellowships, scholarships and a paper competition with awards for their pursuit of Asian language training, area studies, international studies, or the international aspects of professional studies.

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GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

April 8, 2023

Hosted by

MSU India Council
Asian Studies Center
Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures
Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS)
Indian Student Organization (ISO)
Undergraduate International Indian Students Association (UIISA)

INAUGURAL GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

Place	Room 115, International Center, MSU	
Time	10:00am – 10:20am	Registration
	10:20am – 12:00pm	Award Ceremony & Special Presentation
	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Luncheon

OPENING & WELCOMING REMARKS

Siddharth Chandra	Director, Asian Studies Center; Professor, James Madison College and (by courtesy) Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Michigan State University
Titus Awokuse	Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Partnerships, International Studies and Programs; Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics
Ved V. Gossain	India Council Steering Committee; Emeritus Swartz Professor of Medicine & Former Chief, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

INDIA AT MSU

Remembering Dr. Saroj Kapur

Ved V. Gossain	India Council Steering Committee; Emeritus Swartz Professor of Medicine & Former Chief, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University
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Video Documentary & Faculty-Student Collaboration: Nagapattinam: Waves from the Deep

Swarnavel Eswaran Pillai	Associate Professor, Department of English, and the School of Journalism at Michigan State University.
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Dedhia Family Endowment & MSU Institute of Global Health India

Vraj Tripathi	DO Candidate, College of Osteopathic Medicine & MSHCM Candidate, Broad College of Business, Michigan State University
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MSU INDIA COUNCIL

MISSION AND PURPOSE

The main mission of the council is to promote educational and cultural activities related to India. The MSU India Council was established on August 7, 1989 as an endowment at the University. Its objective is to work with the Asian Studies Center within International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University to:

- Stimulate interest in India and matters related to India in Michigan;
- Promote educational and cultural activities related to India;
- Assist organizations at Michigan State University and elsewhere in promoting activities that are aligned with the mission of the India Council;
- Promote outreach and exchange programs with organizations interested in socio-economic, educational, cultural and artistic aspects of Indian culture;
- Undertake activities to grow the India Council Endowment Fund and establish such other funds as may be deemed necessary to promote the mission of the India Council.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to individuals with interest in India in furthering the mission and purpose of the India Council subject to approval by the Steering Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The India Council is administered as an MSU-related council through the University's Asian Studies Center. It is directed by a Steering Committee headed by a chairperson.

Steering Committee Chairperson

Satish Joshi

Steering Committee Members

Ved V. Gossain

Sanjay Gupta

Padmani Karna

Dhiraj Shah

Deepa Thiagarajan

Sitara Thobani

Siddharth Chandra

Director, Asian Studies Center; Professor, James Madison College
and (by courtesy) Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics,
Michigan State University

**Swarnavel Eswaran
Pillai**

Associate Professor, Department of English, and the School of
Journalism at Michigan State University.

Faculty Highlight: Rediscovering the Forest Owlet in India

Pam Rasmussen

Assistant Professor, Department of Integrative Biology; Assistant Curator of Mammalogy & Ornithology, MSU Museum

INDIAN AND SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES AT MSU

Introduction

Yen-Hwei Lin

Chair, Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures; Professor of Linguistics, Michigan State University

Open Education Resource Language Textbooks (Hindi and Urdu)

Rajiv Ranjan

Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures & Second Language Studies, Michigan State University

LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Presented by

Rajiv Ranjan

Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures & Second Language Studies, Michigan State University

Scholarship Awardees

Ceco Maples (Bengali)

Anthropology

Hannah Fischer (Hindi)

Comparative Cultures & Politics; Social Relations and Policy

Tasfia Ahmed (Hindi & Urdu)

Law

Yatin Sareen (Hindi & Urdu)

Finance

GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

Introduced by

Sanjay Gupta

Professor, and former Chair, Accounting and Information Systems, Michigan State University

Awardee:

Satish Udpa

University Distinguished Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, Michigan State University

Introduced by

Swarnavel Eswaran Pillai

Associate Professor, Department of English, and the School of Journalism, Michigan State University.

Awardee:

Philip A Lutgendorf

Professor Emeritus, Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures, the University of Iowa

CLOSING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yatin Sareen

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Todi Aman

President, Undergraduate International Indian Students Association

President, Indian Student Organization

Lavaanya Jain



GLOBAL INDIA AWARDS

The Global India Awards (GIA) is initiated by the India Council and is hosted by the Asian Studies Center in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures (LiLAC), the Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS), Undergraduate International Indian Students Association (UIISA), and the Indian Student Organization (ISO) at MSU. GIA celebrates the range of academic activities that expand teaching and research related to India at MSU as well as partnerships with scholars and institutions in India. During the event, GIA highlights the Indian and South Asian Studies (ISAS) program at MSU and recognizes individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to cross-cultural understanding, to global education, to humane causes, and generally to the development of a sustainable and equitable society.

The selection criteria for the Global India Awards include:

- Significant contribution to the improvement of understanding between India and people around the world,
- Exceptional devotion to quality education for young generation in India and the world,
- Outstanding achievement in scholarly and creative work that advances global understanding of India in the global community, and
- Demonstrated commitment and unselfish devotion to the well-beings of diasporic community and global society

Global India Awards recipients are selected by a rotating committee consisting of past or present members of the MSU India Council Steering Committee and invited faculty from the larger Indian diasporic community at MSU.

GLOBAL INDIA AWARDEES PROFILE

Professor Satish S. Udpa

Professor Satish S. Udpa serves as a University Distinguished Professor at Michigan State University (MSU) and Campus Mobility Director. Prior to reverting to his current position in October 2019, he served in many administrative capacities at MSU including Acting President, Executive Vice President for Administration, Dean of the College of Engineering, and Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He also served as the President of the Michigan State University Foundation. In these and other capacities, Professor Udpa has tirelessly worked to build connections between MSU and India through programs of education and research. Professor Udpa is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), the Indian Society of Nondestructive Testing, and the National Academy of Inventors. He also serves as a member of Michigan Governor's Council on Future Mobility and Electrification. Prior to joining MSU, Dr. Udpa was the Whitney Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Iowa State University and a faculty member at Colorado State University before joining Michigan State University in 2001.

Professor Philip A. Lutgendorf

Professor Philip A. Lutgendorf is Professor Emeritus of Hindi and Modern Indian Studies and has taught in the University of Iowa's Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literature since 1985, retiring in 2018. His research has a focus on the Ramayana tradition in North India and his research interests also include epic performance traditions, folklore and popular culture, and mass media. He served as the President of the American Institute of Indian Studies from 2010-2018, and now serving as the Chair of its Board of Trustees. Professor Lutgendorf is the author of *The Life of a Text: Performing the Rāmcaritmānas of Tulsidas*, and of *Hanuman's Tale, the Messages of a Divine Monkey*. In recognition of his books and his research on Hindi and Modern Indian studies, he received the A. K. Coomaraswamy Prize of the Association for Asian Studies, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Fulbright-Hays Senior Overseas Research Fellowship. His current projects include a book on the cultural history of chai and translation of the *Rāmcaritmānas* of Tulsidas as *The Epic of Ram*, in seven dual-language volumes, for the Murty Classical Library of India/Harvard University Press.

2023 Global India Awards Global Review Committee

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