

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Ripan Singh Malhi

The Steering Group of Section H (Anthropology) of the AAAS is pleased to announce that **Dr. Ripan Singh Malhi** (Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 Robert W. Sussman Award for Scientific Contributions to Anthropology.

The purpose of this award is to recognize meritorious scientific contributions to the field of anthropology by mid-career anthropologists. It was established at the 2017 Section H Business meeting at the AAAS Annual meetings, to honor Bob Sussman's embodiment of the science and spirit of Anthropology.

Dr. Malhi exemplifies the spirit of this award with his remarkable research on human genomics and long-standing commitment to working with indigenous communities.

Please join us in congratulating Ripan Malhi for his outstanding contributions, and in toasting him at the Section H reception at the 2022 in-person AAAS meeting.



Ripán Singh Malhi is Professor in the Department of Anthropology, School of Integrative Biology, American Indian Studies program and Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He earned his PhD from the Department of Anthropology at UC Davis and then completed a postdoc in the Department of Human Genetics, University of Michigan Medical School. Prior to starting at the University of Illinois, Ripan co-founded a biotechnology company, Trace Genetics, Inc., in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is a molecular anthropologist who collaborates with Indigenous Nations to study the evolutionary histories of Indigenous peoples of North America. Ripan co-Directs the Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics (SING), a federally-funded program for Indigenous students and community members to learn innovative concepts and methods at the cross section of indigeneity and genomics. He is also the co-Director of the IDEAS (Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences) program and executive editor of the journal *Human Biology*.

Robert W. Sussman Award winners:

Ripán Singh Malhi-2022

Jada Benn Torres-2021

Deborah Bolnick-2020

Erin Vogel-2019

Erik Seiffert-2018

More information about the award can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Section-H-AAAS-Anthropology-644296642377229/posts/>, and about the AAAS meetings at <http://meetings.aaas.org/>.