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Singhal teaches and conducts research on the diffusion of innovations, the positive deviance approach, organizing for social change, the entertainment-education strategy, and liberating interactional structures. His outreach spans public health, education, human rights, poverty alleviation, sustainable development, civic participation, democracy and governance, and corporate citizenship.

Singhal is co-author or editor of 14 books – *Handbook of Communication and Development* (2021); *Inspiring Change and Saving Lives: The Positive Deviance Way* (2014); *Health Communication in the 21st Century* (2014); *Inviting Everyone: Healing Healthcare through Positive Deviance* (2010); *Protecting Children from Exploitation and Trafficking: Using the Positive Deviance Approach* (2009); *Popular with a Purpose* (2008); *Communication of Innovations* (2006); *Organizing for Social Change* (2006); *Entertainment-Education Worldwide: History, Research, and Practice* (2004); *Combating AIDS: Communication Strategies in Action* (2003); *The Children of Africa Confront AIDS: From Vulnerability to Possibility* (2003); *India's Communication Revolution: From Bullock Carts to Cyber Marts* (2001); *Entertainment-Education: A Communication Strategy for Social Change* (1999); and *India's Information Revolution* (1989).

Three of Singhal's books won awards for distinguished applied scholarship. In addition, he has authored some 210 peer-reviewed essays in outlets such as the *Journal of Communication*, *Communication Theory*, *Communication Monographs*, *Health Communication*, *Management Communication Quarterly*, *Communication Quarterly*, and *Journal of Health Communication*.

Singhal won Top Paper Awards from the American Public Health Association (APHA), International Communication Association (ICA), and National Communication Association (NCA) over a dozen times, and Ohio University's Baker Research Award twice. He was selected as Andrew W. Mellon Scholar at Hendrix College (2018); Distinguished Anna Endowment Lecturer (2017), the Distinguished Carroll Arnold Lecturer at NCA in 2015, and recognized with the Elizabeth Andersch 2014 Award for outstanding contributions to the communication discipline by the Scripps College of Communication, Ohio University. The Social Science Research Council & the International Communication Association recognized him with the Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award in 2009 and the Communication Researcher as an Agent of Change Award in 2008. The NW Communication Association honored him with the 2007 Human Rights Award for Steadfast Commitment to Social Justice,

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Singhal's recent academic honors and appointments include Presidential Scholar, Mudra Institute of Communication Arts, India (2015 onwards); President-Appointed Visiting Professor, Kumamoto (National) University, Japan (2011 onwards) Fulbright Hays Scholar, Slovakia (2012); Schomburg Distinguished Scholar, Ramapo College, NJ (2011), Commerzbank Foundation Professor, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany (2009); Berkitt Williams Distinguished Lecturer, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas (2009); and Raushni Memorial Deshpande Distinguished Lecturer, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, India (2006).

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