



# GANDHI 150 JAYANTI

**October 2, 2019 will be the 150th Jayanti (anniversary) of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.**

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (the honourific Mahatma means “Great Soul” in Sanscrit) was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and political ethicist who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India’s independence from British Rule, and in turn inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.

## **The Thakore Visiting Scholar Award at SFU**

This award honours individuals who have devoted their lives to creativity, commitment, and a deep concern for truth in public life, and recognizes commitment to Gandhi’s ideals of truth, non-violence, social justice, religious tolerance, education and ethics in politics.

This year’s award recipient is Raffi Cavoukian for his lifelong focus on honouring children, education, and the promotion of an overall culture of peace.

## **The Gandhi Student Peace Award**

This award recognizes and honours an SFU student who has been active in voluntary community service in areas related to peace, justice and human rights.

Displays at W.A.C. Bennett Library, SFU Fraser and SFU Belzberg highlight Gandhi-related items from the circulating collections, including biographies or studies on nonviolence or the Indian independence. The collection houses 531 physical items that include “Gandhi, Mahatma, 1869-1948” as a subject heading. Bennett Library will also showcase related items from its Special Collections and Rare Books division.