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Singhal is co-author or editor of 11 books – *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 scholarship. He has authored 150 peer-reviewed essays in outlets such as the *Journal of Communication*, *Communication Theory*, *Communication Monographs*, *Health Communication*, *Communication Quarterly*, and *Management Communication Quarterly*.

Singhal has won Top Paper Awards from the International Communication Association and National Communication a dozen times, and received Ohio University's Baker Research Award twice. In 2008 and 2009, respectively, the Social Science Research Council and the International Communication Association recognized him with the *Communication Researcher as an Agent of Change Award* and the *Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award*. In 2007, the Northwest Communication Association honored him with the *Human Rights Award for Steadfast Commitment to Social Justice, Social Change, and Freedom*, and in 2005, USC's Norman Lear Center honored him with the first *Everett M. Rogers Award for Outstanding Contributions to Entertainment-Education*.

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