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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 1998: Ph D, Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, New York, USA
(Dissertation “History of the Kingdom of Lo/Mustang”)
- 1995: M Phil, Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, NY, USA
- 1991: M A, History (with honour), George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA
- 1981: M A, Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology (NeHCA) (with highest score in the batch), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1978: B A, (with additional studies for double major subjects), Nepalese History Culture & Archaeology (NeHCA) and Economics, Tri-Chandra College, Kathmandu, Nepal

LANGUAGES

Nepali (native), English, Hindi, Sanskrit (up to advanced level of reading and translation), Tibetan (up to advanced level of reading and translation), Pali (up to intermediate level of reading and translation), Urdu and some other local languages of Nepal including the ability to read Brahmi, Licchavi (Kutila), Newari, Nagari (old), Avadhi (old) scripts.

ACADEMIC CAREER & EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 1981-to date: Associate Professor (promoted in 2001 from Senior Lecturer) of Himalayan Studies and Nepali History, Culture and Archaeology (NeHCA), Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies (CNAS), Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
- 2006 – Adjunct Faculty (History of Writing: Its Development and Techniques 3200-1900 AD), IES, Univ. of London and London Rare Book School.
- 2003 January-to date: Research Fellow and Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of Languages and Cultures of South Asia, SOAS, University of London (Hodgson Project and teaching Nepali and Himalayan Cultures)
- 2000-2002: Adjunct Faculty, Sociology, Sagarmatha College of Purvanchal University, Dillibazar, Kathmandu
- 1992-1998: Adjunct Faculty, Nepali Language and Himalayan Studies, Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, NY
- 1990-1992: Assistant Archivist, Fenwick Library, Special Collections and Archives, GMU, Fairfax, VA, USA
- 1985-1988: Adjunct Faculty, Nepal Study, Kathmandu Valley Campus (now Kathmandu University), Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1986-to date: Adjunct Faculty, Economic History, Buddhist and Himalayan Heritage Study, Central Departments of Buddhist Studies and Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology (NeHCA), T.U., Nepal
- 1980-2002: Adjunct Professor, Culture and History, Pashupati Campus, Chabahil, Kathmandu, Nepal (founding faculty)

1972-1981: Banking job (Office Asst. 7th level officer), Nepal Bank Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal

1970-1972: Teacher and Principal, Singeshwari Primary School, Sankhuwasava District, Siddhakali VDC, Tanglewa, Nepal

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

2007-2008: Survey of documenting selected 18th-20th century written heritage from Nepal, The Endangered Archives Programme, Arcadia and the British Library

2003-2008: Brian Hodgson Manuscript Project, SOAS, University of London

2005-2006: Genealogy of Buddhist Studies: A Study of Post-modern Perspective, SOAS, University of London

2004-2005: Uncovering Historical Geography of the Lhasa Valley through Textual Evidence: A Case Study of Sera Monastery and the Area of its Domain, SOAS, University of London

2002/2003: "Survey of Buddhist Monasteries of Lower Mustang and Manang Districts of Nepal" (report submitted to the Monastery Management and Development Committee of HMG, Ministry of Local Development, N

2000-2002: Cultural and Historical Study of Upper Arun and Tamor Valleys (report to be submitted to CNAS, TU)

1996-1998: Survey of Nepali Art Heritage in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (report submitted to CNAS in January 2001)

1986-1989: National History Project CNAS/TU, Nepal, Investigator and author of *Economic History of Medieval Kathmandu Valley* (report already published)

1982-1985: Mustang Integrated Research Program, funded by the IDRC/Canada through CNAS, TU, Investigator and author of *History of Mustang (The Kingdom of Lo-bo)*

FIELD EXPERIENCE IN NEPAL

2000-2001: Fieldwork for historical and cultural study of Upper Arun and Upper Tamor Valleys. Field work done up to the Northern bordering villages of Sankuwasava and Taplejung districts and the Tibetan village of Lumdek (Lung-stod)

1983-1985: Field work for Historical and Cultural research in some parts of Tibet and Mustang, Myagdi, Baglung Parvat, Syangja, Kaski, Tanhum, Lamjung, Gorkha, and Manang

1982-2001: Fieldwork for historical and cultural survey in Dolakha, Nuwakot, Butawal, Navalparasi, Kapilvastu, Rupandehi, Palpa, Sunsari, Dhankuta, Sankuwasava, and Taplejung districts of Nepal

SEMINAR, TALK AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2008 (October): Place of Jangabhadur Rana in the History of Nepali Nationalism, Paper Presentation at a talk program organized by Kathmandu News-line held at Hotel Annapurna, Kathmandu.

2007 (November): Ko thiye Khardar Jitmohan ?, A talk and presentation organized by the Madan Puruskar Library, Patan

2006 (March): "History of Kiranti ethnic movement" Paper with p/p slides presented at annual Nepal Studay Symposium organized by BNAC at SOAS, London.

- 2004 (November) “Hodgson Manuscripts and Nepal Study” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of South Asian Archivists and Librarians of UK
- 2004 (October) “Historical, Cultural, and Religious Observation of the Kingdom of Lo (Mustang), Annual Lecture at the Britain-Nepal Society, London
- 2003 (October) “Reading Ramayana through Medieval Friezes from Nepal” Annual Lecture at the Royal Asiatic Society, London
- 2003 (August) “Opening the Chest of Nepal’s History: The Survey of B. H. Hodgson’s Manuscripts from The British Library and The Royal Asiatic Society, London” presentation of paper with power-point slides at the **Social Science Baha of The Himal Associates, Kathmandu, Nepal**
- 2003 (June): “Survey of Hodgson Manuscripts from the British Library: A Preliminary Report” paper presented at the Conference on Nepal-Current State of Research and Perspectives organized by the **Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany**
- 2001(Sept.): “The Kingdom of Lo: Its Languages and History” paper presented at the Seventh Himalayan Languages Symposium held at the **University of Uppsala, Sweden.**
- 2001(Sept.-Oct): Academic talks and presentations at different European universities and research centres (**University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Univ. of London, SOAS, CNRS, France, Leiden University, IAS, Netherlands**) on some of the important Himalayan topics such as “History and Cultural Heritage of Upper Arun and Tamor Valleys,” “Lama Zhva-dmar-pa and Nepal,” “Early Nepal-Bhutan Relations.”
- 2001 (July): “Mahayana Buddhism and Nepal” paper presented at the **Buddhist Studies Seminar Series** organized jointly by the Department Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology and the Buddhist Studies Student Group, Tribhuvan University
- 2000 (April): “People and Place-names of Lo/Mustang: Historical and Etymological Perspective” paper presented at the Franco-Nepalese Conference on “People, Environment and Landscapes of the Himalayas” jointly organized by **CNRS, France and CNAS, TU**
- 2000 (March): “The Role of ‘Brug-pa Lamas in Early Nepal-Bhutan Relations” paper and slide presentation at the Nepal Research Centre (a German Cooperative in Nepal) organised in collaboration with the **South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg**
- 1997 (Sept.): “Nepal Himalaya and Mustang” paper and slide presentation at the **Tibetan Museum, Staten Island, New York, USA**
- 1996 (May): “Mustang Past and Present” paper (with maps and slides) presented at the Symposium on Kashmir and Nepal Himalayas organized by **Harvard University, Committee on South Asian Studies, USA**
- 1995 (May): “Socio-Economic Study of the Mountain Region of Nepal: A case of Culture and History of Mustang”, a talk and slide presentation, South Asia Program, **Cornell University, Ithaca, USA**
- 1995 (Feb.): “Antiquity of Nepali-Speaking Bhutanese People: Their Contribution in the Making of Bhutan” paper presented at the international seminar on Bhutanese Refugees: An unresolved crisis jointly sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Human Rights and the Southern Asian Institute, **Columbia University, New York, USA**

- 1988: “Tibetan Studies in Nepal” paper presented at the International Conference on Indological Studies, jointly sponsored by the **Indian National Library, Ramakrishna Mission Institute for Culture**, and the **Asiatic Society, Calcutta, India**
- 1989: Participated in the National Seminar on Socio-economic Conditions of Nepal organized by **Tribhuvan University, CNAS, Nepal**
- 1988: “Some facts about Zhva-dmar Abbots of Yangs-pa-can Monastery of Tibet” paper presented at the Departmental Seminar organized by the Department of Nepalese History, Culture, and Archaeology, **Tribhuvan University, Nepal**
- 1987: paper presented at the Research Methodology Seminar on Humanities and Social Sciences organized by the Research Committee, **Tribhuvan Univ., Nepal**
- 1984: “State of Historical Research on the Hindukush Himalaya” paper presented at the Seminar on Himalayan Studies organized by the Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, **Tribhuvan University, Nepal**
- 1983-to date: Attended many talks, presentations, and national and international seminars concerning history, cultures languages, religions, and socio-economic and political conditions of Nepal, Tibet and South Asia.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2008-: TU representative to The Lumbini Academy Foundation College, Chabahil
- 2004-: Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society, London
- 2004-: Executive Member, Britain-Nepal Academic Council, London
- 2003-: Chairman, Scientific/Academic Board of the Muktinath Foundation International, The Netherlands
- 2000-2002: Vice-President, Culture Professors’ Association, Nepal
- 2000- to date: TU representative to Pashupati Campus, Chabahil, Kathmandu
- 2000-: Coordinator, Advisory Board, Sankhuwasabha Multiple Campus (College), Chainpur
- 2000-: Member, Subject Committee, Buddhist Studies, TU and Sociology, Purvanchal University
- 2000-: Member, Sociology Standing Committee, Purvanchal University, Biratnagar, Nepal
- 2000: Discovered Neolithic arrowheads or projectiles in Nepal for the first time in South Asia
- 1998-: Guest Lecturer, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, Buddhist Studies, TU, Pitzer College, USA, Nepal Program, Cornell University, Cornell
Abroad-Nepal Program, Kathmandu etc.
- 1998-to date: Research supervision and guidance to PhD students from TU and international students and scholars (doctorate, post-doctorate, graduate and under graduate students and independent researchers) for their Nepal based field research on behalf of Tribhuvan University
- 1995-1998: Editor, *Kurakani*, Journal of America-Nepal Friendship Society, New York, USA
- 1990-1994: Editor, *Nepal Update*, Newsletter of the Committee for Democracy in Nepal, Washington D. C.
- 1995-1997: Advisor, Association of Nepalese Students in New York City
- 1994-1998: Coordinator and one of the founders, Nepal Forum, Columbia University, NY, USA

- 1994-: Member, International Oriental Numismatic Society, UK (through North American center)
- 1998: Played an instrumental role to bring Dr. Barbara Aziz's South Asia and Tibet Reference Library to Tribhuvan University without University's cost
- 1989-: Vice-Chairman, Himashikhara Socio-Cultural Society (HISCUS), A Kathmandu based NGO
- 1989-1990: Member, Advisory Group of the Cultural Encyclopaedia-Nepal Project (contributed some major entries on economic history and numismatics)
- 1988-1991: Member, Subject and Curriculum Committee, Central Department of Nepalese History, Culture, and Archaeology, TU, Nepal
- 1982-: Academic Advisor, Pashupati Socio-religious Service Association (a Kathmandu based NGO), Nepal
- 1981: Archaeological discovery of ancient Indian Punch-marked coins for the first time in Nepal.

HONOURS/AWARDS/MEDALS

- 2001: *Brhmachari Shadananda Adhikari Award*, Greater Manakamana and Arun Development Academy (awarded for the conspicuous contributions in the field of Historical and Cultural studies of the Arun Valley region.
- 1994/95-1997/98: *Columbia University President's Fellowship Award*, NY, USA
- 1992/93-1993/94: *Graduate Fellowship*, Columbia University, NY, USA
- 1991: *Special honour and recognition with honorary membership*, PHI ALPHA THETA, International Council of History Honour Society, USA (recognition of honour awarded for conspicuous attainment and scholarship in the field)
- 1990-1991: *Graduate Student Tuition Grant*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA,
- 1989-1990: *Graduate Fellowship for International Understanding*, Rotary Foundation, The Rotary International, IL, USA
- 1985: *Gokul Chand Medal* from Tribhuvan University, Nepal (a gold medal awarded to the student who secures the highest score in M. A. Final Examination)
- 1985: *Mahendravidyabhusana suvarna padaka* from his Majesty the King of Nepal (a gold medal awarded to a student each year who secures the highest GPA in MA exclusively in the field of Nepalese History, Culture, and Archaeology)

SCHOLARLY INTEREST

Tibet and Himalayan studies, Buddhist studies, socio-economic history and languages of Nepal, historical and cultural studies, ancient and medieval art, architecture and numismatics of South Asia, working with historical documents and archival management, theories of comparative cultures, post modern and post colonial studies, cultural preservation etc.

PUBLICATIONS

(Three research works in book form and above eighty research and general articles; Following is the list of books and selected articles)

Books:

- 2003: *The Kingdom of Lo: A Historical Study*. Kathmandu: Jigme S. P. Bista for Tashigephel Foundation, Kathmandu.
- 1999: *Economic History of Medieval Kathmandu Valley*. Kathmandu: CNAS, Tribhuvan University.

- 1986: *Economic History of Nepal, Series-1 Ancient Economy*. Kathmandu: S.P. Upadhyay
- 1997: Co-Author: *American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation* (Encyclopaedia of American Immigrant Cultures, an anthropological area research of Yale University published by the Macmillan, New York)

Articles:

- 2007- "Opening the Chest of Nepal's History: The survey of B. H. Hodgson Manuscripts" *SALG* (Seminar proceeding and News Letter of the South Asia Archive and Library Group, London) No. III, pp.41-48
- 2006-a: "Sirijanga Hang and the question of religious and cultural hegemonism in the Limbu ethnic revival" *The Baha Journal*(Journal of Social Science Baha, Lalitpur) Vol.3, No. 3, pp.1-12
- 2006-b: "The long-ago fight for Kirant identity" *Himal South Asian* Vol. 19, No.7
- 2002-a: "Mahayana Buddhism and Nepal" *Smarika-2058* (Journal of the Monastery Management and Development Committee, HMG/Nepal), ff. 32-42
- 2002-b: "The Narrative panel of the story of Buddha's descent from the Trayastrimsa Heaven at Sankasya and the interpretational controversies related to it" *Tri-Bodhi* (Journal of Buddhist Studies, Tribhuvan University) Vol.2, No.1
- 2000: "Nepal-Tibet Cultural Relations and the Zhva-dmar-pa Lamas of Tibet" *Contributions to Nepalese Studies* (CNAS Journal of Tribhuvan University)Vol. 26, no.2, pp.183-210
- 1999: "Nepali Immigrants in the United States" *Contributions to Nepali Studies* Vol.26, No.1, pp. 119-134
- 1996: "Historical Outline of Mustang: The Kingdom of Lo-bo" *Newsletter of Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University*, vol.20, vol.2 also published in *Kurakani* Vol. IX, No.1 (an annual publication of America-Nepal Friendship Society, New York)
- 1995: "Antiquity of Nepali-speaking Bhutanese People: Their Contribution in the Making of Bhutan" (a seminar paper), *Kurakani* Vol.VII, No.1
- 1989: "Nepal-Bhutan Historical and Cultural Relations" *Contributions to Nepalese Studies* Vol. 16, No.2, pp. 169-190 (Journal of CNAS, Tribhuvan University)
- 1988: "An Inscription of the Tenth Zhva dmar-pa Lama and Its Translation" *Nepal Economist* Vol.6, No.1-2 (a local research journal published by Devi C. Shrestha, Swayambhu, Kimdol, Kathmandu)
- 1988: "Context of Religious tolerance in Mukti-Chhetra" (text in Nepali), *Saiva Bhumi* Vol. 3, No.3 (Journal of Pashupati Socio-religious Service Association, Kathmandu, Nepal)
- 1988: "Muktinath (a Hindu Temple in North-western Nepal): Some Historical Facts" *Ancient Nepal* No. 102
- 1988: "Tibetan Studies in Nepal" *A Report on Second Conference On Indological Studies* November 21-23, The National Library, Calcutta
- 1986: "Tibet Travel of Acarya Atisa Dipamkara" *Contributions to Nepalese Studies* Vol. 13, No. 2
- 1985: "Concept of Astamangala (eight auspicious emblems) in Tibetan Society" *Contributions to Nepalese Studies* Vol. 12, No. 2
- 1984: "A Study On Weight and Measure of Ancient Nepal" *Nepalese Culture* Vol. 4, No. 4 (Journal of the Department of Nepalese History, Culture, and Archaeology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal)

- 1984: "A Legal Letter Concerning the Division of Paternal Property given by General Bhaktabir Kunwar to his Sons and Some Economic and other Cross-examines of that Time" *Ancient Nepal* No. 86-88
- 1984: "Notes on Some Medieval Coins of Nepal" *Rolamba* Vol. 1-4, No. 3 (a local research journal published in Patan, Nepal)
- 1984: "State of Historical Research on the Himalayan Region" In Ananda Shrestha ed. *Preparatory Workshop on Himalayan Studies*, Kathmandu: Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

There are more than eighty research articles published in different Nepali and international journals and some of the research works such as "The Early Relations Between Nepal and Bhutan", "Nepal-Tibet Historical Relations and the Zhva-dmar-pa Lamas of Yans-pa-can Monastery of Tibet", "History of Chainpur and Sources for the Study of Pallo Kirat" and "The 'Lost' Heritage: A Survey of Nepali Arts Deposited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York" are under progress for publication in book form.