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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I have been a teacher and researcher in language contact, language ideology, translingualism, language politics, language change, language documentation, language policy and planning for more than two decades in Nepal. I have been working as an assistant professor at Tribhuvan University's Central Department of Linguistics since 2000.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor 2021 - Present
Farwestern University • Kanchanpur, Nepal

Duties include teaching and supervising MPhil-PhD scholars (TESOL) in language policy and multilingualism.

Visiting Lecturer Jun 2001 - Present
MBM College • Kathmandu

Duties include teaching and supervising undergraduate students of English language and linguistics.

Assistant Professor Jun 2000 - Present
Central Department of Linguistics, TU • Kathmandu

Duties include teaching MA and PhD level students. Besides teaching I have also been involved in designing and developing curriculum and courses of linguistics for the undergraduate and graduate levels. I am also involved in various research activities funded by the University Grants Commission, the Nepal academy, the Language Commission of Nepal, and collaborative projects with the department of linguistics at Tribhuvan University.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PhD Aug 2014 - Jan 2020
Tribhuvan University • Kathmandu

MA Linguistics Jul 1997 - May 2000
Tribhuvan University • Kirtipur

MEd English Education Aug 1996 - Apr 1998
Tribhuvan University • Kathmandu

BEd (English & Economics) Sep 1993 - Nov 1995
Saptagandaki Campus • Chitwan, Nepal

LANGUAGES

Nepali: Native
English: Fluent speaker with proficiency
Hindi: Intermediate proficiency
Kumal: Intermediate proficiency
Gurung: Basic
Tamang: Basic

VOLUNTEER WORK

Member Jul 2014 - Present
Association of Language Awareness (ALA) • London

Since 2014 I have been associated with the ALA as a member from south Asia. I have been presenting papers and motivating people towards languages and their value in human life through this volunteer organization.

Member Mar 2010 - Present
Folklore Society of Nepal • Kirtipur, Nepal

I have participated by organizing conferences, workshops, seminars and folk festivals in different areas of Nepal.

Life Member Oct 1997 - Present
Linguistic Society of Nepal • Kirtipur, Nepal

I have served in different capacities (Executive member 2000-2007; Treasurer 2008-2010; General Secretary 2010-2010; Vice President 2012-2014; President 2014-2016, Chief Editor 2016-2018) to organize various conferences, workshops, training sessions and report disseminations. I have also worked as the editor (2002-2004) and reviewer (2005-present) of Nepalese Linguistics, a yearly publication of LSN.

Life Member Dec 2000 - Present
Nepal English Language Teachers' Association (NELTA) • Kathmandu

I have been working as a volunteer in NELTA, the largest English language teachers' association in south Asia since 2000. At present I am coordinating the research activities of NELTA and working as a reviewer of Journal of NELTA. I have also edited (Chief Editor) the History of NELTA published in 2018.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Faculty Research Fellow

2020

- University Grants Commission Nepal, Sanothimi Bhaktapur, Nepal.
- Faculty Research Fellow** 2016
- University Grants Commission Nepal, Sanothimi Bhaktapur, Nepal
- ASLAN Research Fellow Award** 2013
- University of Lyon 2, France to study and work as a guest researcher at DDL Lyon, France, 2nd March-11th May 2014.
- Faculty Research Fellow** 2012
- University Grants Commission Nepal, Sanothimi Bhaktapur, Nepal.
- Youth Ambassador for Peace** 2008
- Awarded by Universal Peace Federation, Kathmandu
- Best Paper Presenter Award** 2006
- At the Summer Institute of Linguistics International at 25th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal November 26-28, 2006.
- James McCawley Fellowship** 2005
- Linguistic Society of America to attend Summer School in Linguistics at MIT & Harvard University, USA June 27-August 5, 2005.
- Mahendra Biddhya Bhusan “Kha”** 2000
- This award from the late King Birendra Bir Bikram shah is for securing highest marks (Gold medalist) for my MA in linguistics.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Nepalma bhasik samparka:ek adhyayan* (Language contact in Nepal: A study). (Forthcoming). Nepal Academy. Kathmandu.
- *Bhasik Anusandhan Paddati* (Techniques for research in languages) (2021). Language commission Nepal.
- *Language contact in Nepal: A study on language use and attitude* (2021). Springer Nature. Switzerland AG, (Palgrave -Macmillan).
- *Kumal-Nepali-English Dictionary*. Lincom Europa (2019) Germany.

Articles (Selected)

- Language Contact in Maithili: Trends, Traits and Impact on Multilingual Sociolinguistic Spaces (2022). *Gipan* .Vol. 5.1(1-16), Central Department of Linguistics, TU.
<https://doi.org/10.3126/gipan.v5i1.49537>

- *Nepalma bhasa rajnitika bibidh aayamhru*(Different aspects of language politics in Nepal).(2022). *Prajna* Issue 2 Number 122. Nepal Academy. PP. 30-38.
- Aspects of Language Contact in Newar (2022). *International Journal of Multilingualism*. Taylor & Francis.
- Language Politics in Nepal: A Socio-historical Overview (2022) *Journal of World Languages*. Mouton De Gruyter.
- Diversity, Multilingualism and Democratic Practices in Nepal (2022) *Bandung Journal of Global South*. Brill.
- Kumal bhasako ruprekha (structure of Kumal language)(2021) *matribhasako ruprekha (Part 2)* Nepal Academy.Kathmandu.
- Language Planning and Policy in Nepal: An Evaluation. *Bhasalok (2021)*, a special publication. Kathmandu. Language Commission Nepal.
- Tribhuvan University and the Road to Improvement. *TU Bulletin Special Issue 2021*, TU Press, Kirtipur, Nepal.
- Recent Developments in Language Planning and Policies in Nepal. *Sociolinguistics* (2020). Panchajanya Printing and Publishing, Guwahati, India.
- Sociolinguistic survey of Nepalese Languages: A critical evaluation. *Language Ecology* 3:2 (2019).John Benjamin's publishing Company.
- Attitude towards the Ideology of English in Sherpa *Journal of NELTA*, Province 3, Vol.1 (2019). Nepal English Language Teachers' Association, Nepal
- Language Shift in Newar: A Case Study in the Kathmandu Valley *Nepalese Linguistics*33 (1) 2018, a journal of the linguistic society of Nepal.
- Language contact in Kathmandu: A case study *Triyuga Academic Journal* 1 (2018) RMC, Triyuga Multiple Campus, Udayapur, Nepal.
- Language shift in Sherpa *Interdisciplinary Journal of Linguistics (IJL)* 11 (2018).University of Kashmir, India.
- Language use and attitude among the Sherpa speaking community in Kathmandu valley *Gipan* 3.2 (2017), a journal of Central Department of Linguistics, TU.
- Contact Nepali in Kathmandu Valley: Convergence between TB & IA Languages *Nepalese Linguistics*27 (2012), journal of the Linguistic Society of Nepal.
- A Linguistic Analysis of Online Communication *Contemporary Issues in Nepalese Linguistics* 21(2005), journal of the Linguistic Society of Nepal.
- Aspects in Kumal *Nepalese Linguistics* 19 (2002), journal of the Linguistics Society of Nepal.
- The Auxiliary "be" in Kumal *Nepalese Linguistics* 18 (2001), journal of the Linguistic Society of Nepal.
- Verbal Affixation in Kumal, *Nepalese Linguistics* 17 (2000), journal of the Linguistic Society of Nepal.

PAPER/POSTER PRESENTATIONS (INTERNATIONAL)

- *Multilingualism in Newar: a study of language use and attitudes* a joint paper presented at SALA-36 & LSN-43 International conference (Kathmandu). November 26-29, 2022.Nepal.
- *Linguistic and Cultural trajectories of Gopali community in Chitlang Valley* a joint paper presented at SALA-36 & LSN-43 International conference (Kathmandu). November 26-29, 2022.Nepal.
- *Multilingualism and Language contact in Nepal* a paper presented for the doctoral Research Seminar at **Ecole des hautes on sciences sociales (Paris)**. April 5, 2022. France.

- *Aspect of Language contact in Tamang* a paper presented at the 43rd International Conference of Linguistic Society of India. December 21-23, 2021, **CIL, India**.
- *Diversity, multilingualism and democratic practices in Nepal: A socio-historical perspective* a paper presented at the **6th World Humanities Forum** November 19-21, 2020, Korea.
- *Language Awareness in Nepalese ELT classes* a paper presented at the **15th International conference of the Association of Language Awareness** October 30-31,2020 Deakin University, Australia.
- *Challenges in ELT: A teacher association research survey in Nepal* a paper presented at the **53rd Annual International Conference of IATEFL and Exhibition** April 1-5,2019 Liverpool, UK.
- *Language shift in Newar: A study of language use and attitude in Kathmandu* a poster presented at the **SALA -34**, June19-21, 2018 University of Konstanz, Germany.
- *Sociolinguistic survey of Nepalese languages* a paper presented at **DLAP 3**, July 23-25, 2018 Mahidol University, Thailand.
- *Multilingualism in Kathmandu valley: A study of language use and attitudes in Sherpa* paper presented at the Politics of Multilingualism: Challenges and possibilities at **The University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands**. May 22-24, 2017.
- *An observation at the sociolinguistic survey of Nepalese languages* poster presented at Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to new uses at **University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil**. March 21-April 3, 2016.
- *A close look at the sociolinguistic survey of Nepalese languages* paper presented at the International Workshop on Linguistic Field work in south Asia at **Uppsala University, Sweden**, 1-2 June 2015.
- *Present sociolinguistic survey of Nepalese Languages* paper presented at **Workshop on Nepalese Languages DDL**, University of Lumeree **Lyon 2, France** March 27,2014
- *The ongoing linguistic survey in Nepal* paper presented at the Institute of Linguistics, **University of Bern, Switzerland** April 14, 2014.
- *Linguistic Survey in Nepal: an overview* paper presented at the **Zurich University, Switzerland** April 15, 2014.
- *Linguistic diversity and language policy in Nepal* paper presented at Tromslang 2013, Tromso, Norway November 6-8, 2013.
- *Language Policy in Nepal: Some Observations* paper presented at **WSIS+10 UNESCO Paris, France**. February 25-27, 2013.
- *Contact Nepali in Kathmandu Valley: Convergence between TB & IA Languages* paper presented on **National Workshop on labour Migration, Dialect and Language Development** Agra India March 12-14, 2012.
- *Case marking in Ghale*, paper presented in **9th ICOSAL** Patiala, India 8-10 January 2010.
- *A Linguistic Analysis of Online Communication in Nepalese context*, paper presented in the **12th Himalayan Languages Symposium at IIAS Shimla** India Nov 2-4, 2008.
- *Kumal Nominal System*: Paper presented on **28th All India Conference of the Linguists** on November 2-4.2006 at BHU, India
- *Causativization in Kumal*: paper presented in the **9th Himalayan Languages Symposium at CIL Mysore**, India in November, 2003 organized by Himalayan Language Project & India.

PAPER/POSTER PRESENTATIONS (NATIONAL)

- *Challenges in ELT: A preliminary survey in Nepalese context* a paper presented at the

- **National Conference of NELTA**, March 2-3, 2019, Hetaunda, Nepal.
- *Attitudes towards the ideology of English: A study of language use and attitude in Newar* paper presented at the **23rd International Conference of NELTA**, February 15 -17, 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal.
- *Contact Nepali in Kathmandu Valley: A study of code switching/mixing in Newar Nepali* Paper presented at 34th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal, November 26-27, 2013.
- *Contact Nepali in Kathmandu Valley: A linguistic Result of Migration* paper presented at 33rd Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal Nvember 26 & 27, 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- *A Linguistic Analysis of Online Communication in Nepal*, paper presented in **27th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal (LSN)** Kathmandu Nov.26-27, 2006.
- *Teaching Advertisement in Secondary Level* paper presented in the **Eighth International Conference of NELTA** on 24-26 February 2006, Kathmandu.
- *Compound verbs in Kumal*: Paper presented on 26-27 November, 2005 in the **26th Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal**.
- *Causativization in Kumal*, paper presented in **24th Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal** Kathmandu Nov 26-27, 2003.
- *Negativization in Kumal*, paper presented in **23rd Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal (LSN)** Kathmandu Nov.26-27, 2002.
- *Aspect System in Kumal* a paper presented at the **22nd Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal**, Kathmandu. November 26-27, 2001.
- *Auxiliary 'be' in Kumal*, paper presented at the **21st Annual Conference of Linguistic Society of Nepal (LSN)** Kathmandu. Nov.26-27, 2000.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Principal Researcher (2022) - **Language Politics in Nepal: A historical overview** CNAS Fellow/Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu.
- Principal Researcher (2020)-**Language Shift in Newar** UGC/Faculty Research Grants.
- Researcher (2016-till) Language documentation, survey and other studies, Language Commission Nepal, Kathmandu.
- Principal Researcher (2016)-**Contact Nepali in Kathmandu valley** UGC/Faculty Research Grants.
- Principal Researcher (2011)-**Kumal sketch grammar and dictionary** UGC/Faculty Research Grants.
- Researcher (2008-2018)-**Linguistic Survey of Nepal (LiNSuN)** Project, Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University.
- Researcher (2008)- **Documentation of Kisan (Sadri) Language** (Grammar & Dictionary) .NFDIN/ Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu.
- Researcher (2006)- **A Grammar of Kumal**-University Grants Commission, Nepal
- Researcher (2006) **A Basic Kumal-Nepali-English Dictionary** NFDIN/Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
- Researcher (2005)-**Documentation of Byansi Language** (Grammar & Dictionary)- NFDIN/Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

- Field visit for the **Language contact in Tamang** project supported by Nepal Academy, Kathmandu. August-September, 2021.
- Field visit for the **Language Shift in Nepal** project supported by the Language Commission of Nepal, Kathmandu, in the districts of Karnali and Far Western Provinces of Nepal, January-March, 2018.
- Field visit in the **Lunxhim** Language supported by the Language Commission of Nepal, Kathmandu in the remote villages of Bhojpur and Ilam districts of Nepal, May-June, 2018.
- Field visit in the **Dhuleli** Language for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the remote villages of Bajhang district of Nepal, May-June, 2017.
- Field visit in the **Limbu** Language for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Ilam, Panthar, Taplejung, and Tehrathum districts of Nepal, September-October, 2016.
- Field visit in the **Athpahariya and Tharu** Languages for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Dhankuta, Sunsari, Makawanpur, Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts of Nepal, December 2015-January 2016.
- Field visit in the **Thulung** Language for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Solukhumbu, Okhaldhunga and Khotang, districts of Nepal, December 2014-January 2015.
- Field visit in the **Khadiya and Gangai** Languages for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Jhapa and Morang districts of Nepal, May-June 2014.
- Field visit in the **Bhojpuri and Awadhi** Languages for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Rautahat, Bara, Parsa, Nawalparasi, Kapilbastu, Dang, Bardiya and Banke districts of Nepal, 2012.
- Field visit in the **Kaika Magar** Language for the Linguistic Survey of Nepal, Central Department of Linguistics, in the Dolpa district of Nepal, September-October, 2011.
- Fieldwork (two months) in **Kumal** language for the preparation of the 'Kumal-Nepali-English Glossary' under The Central Department of Linguistics, 2004-2005.
- Fieldwork (two months) in **Byansi** for the preparation of 'Byansi-Nepali-English Glossary' under The Central Department of Linguistics, 2003-2004.
- Fieldwork (three months) in **Kumal** Language in the Nawalparasi and Chitwan districts to collect data for MA thesis, 1999.
- Fieldwork (fifteen days) in various languages in the Jhapa and Morang districts as the practical course of MA syllabus, 1998.

THESIS SUPERVISED (MA STUDENTS)

- Subash Rai (2020): **Language Shift in Bantawa (A case study of Sikkim, India)**
- Silu Sharma (2019): **Compounding in Nepali sign language**
- Ramesh Narayan Shah (2017): **Code Mixing in Tharu as spoken in Saptari district**
- Bhim Kissan (2015): **Sadri/Kisaan verb morphology**
- Binita Yadav (2015): **Code Mixing in Maithili Nepali**
- Rakesh Yadav (2013): **Language shift in Maithili speakers (A case study of Kathmandu Valley)**
- Rajib Kumar Shah (2012): **Code Switching in Maithili Language (A case study of Siraha District, Nepal)**
- Krishna Maya Magar (2012): **A Sociolinguistic Study of Sikkim Nepali**
- Dev Narayan Yadava (2008): **A Sketch Grammar of Saadri (Kisaan)**

