

Himalayan Studies Conference V

University of Colorado Boulder

September 1-4, 2017

*All sessions of the conference will be held in [Eaton Humanities Building](#) (HUMN) at CU Boulder
HUMN is located at 1610 Pleasant St, Boulder, CO 80302.*

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, August 31, 7pm | British and Irish Studies Room, 5th Floor of Norlin Library

Trungpa Lecture in Buddhist Studies by Charles Ramble (free and open to the public)

“Tibetan Sacred Landscape: Its Magical Creatures and Where to Find Them”

Friday, September 1, 10-2pm | UMC 425

Pre-Conference Session with Graduate Students (pre-registration required, catered lunch)

Library Exhibit: The Vibrant Landscapes of Mustang, Nepal | 1st floor of Norlin Library

Exhibition of photographs of Mustang by Kevin Bubriski from the book, *Mustang in Black and White*.

Friday, September 1, 2017

1pm - 5pm | HUMN 230

ANHS Executive Meeting (for Executive Council members only)

5pm | HUMN Lobby

Registration Opens

6pm | HUMN 1B50

Keynote: Manjushree Thapa

The Stories We Hear and the Stories We Don't

7pm | HUMN Lobby

Dinner Catered by Sherpa's Restaurant

Saturday, September 2, 2017

8:30am | HUMN Lobby

Breakfast: Bagels and Coffee

Registration Opens

Session #1 | 9am - 10:30am | Saturday, Sept 2

Community Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation

Location: HUMN 125

Moderator: John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

1. **John Metz**, Northern Kentucky University

Thirty Years of Change at an Upper Elevation Village of West-Central Nepal

A Yogi and a Yeti Walk into a Bar: Himalayan Humor and Its Roles in Identity, Morality, and Ethics

Location: HUMN 135

Organizer: Ariana Maki, University of Virginia

1. **Kalzang Bhutia**, Grinnell College

The Fox who Frightened the Yogi: Comedic Tales of Human-Animal Interaction as a Site for Ethical Reflection in Sikkim

2. **Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa**, Grinnell College

No the Cow: The Comedy of Precariousness and Resilience in Negotiating Cross-Cultural Encounter in the Eastern Himalayas

3. **Ariana Maki**, University of Virginia

Upending Tradition and Other Devious Tricks: The Roles of Humor and Play in Himalayan Art

Health and Hygiene in the Greater Himalaya

Location: HUMN 145

1. **Yuka Nakamura**, Kyoto University

Experience and Narrative of Diabetes Patients in Contemporary Nepal

2. **Kirsten Nicholson**, Ball State University

A quantitative assessment of drinking water sources in the Sagarmatha National Park, Nepal

Flexible Citizens? Mobility, Citizenship, and Belonging in Himalayan and Tibetan Contexts

Location: HUMN 150

Organizers: Sienna Craig (Dartmouth College), Carole McGranahan (University of Colorado Boulder), Sara Shneiderman (University of British Columbia)

1. **Sienna Craig**, Dartmouth College
Himalayan New York: Visibility and Invisibility
2. **Carole McGranahan**, University of Colorado Boulder
Refugee Citizenship: Tibetan Asylum Journeys from South Asia to North America
3. **Sara Shneiderman**, University of British Columbia
"Nagarikta-ko subidha": Nepali Theories and Practices of Citizenship
4. **Emily Yeh**, University of Colorado Boulder
Remotely global: transnational mobility and place in the Limi Valley

Buddhist Ritual in Constituting Himalayan Communities

Location: HUMN 180

1. **Padmatso Smith**, Southwest University for Nationalities
The Lives of Nuns at Larung Gar
2. **Thinles Dorje**, Punjab University
Offering Cakes (Tormas) in a Buddhist Ritual: Documenting the G.yang sgrub ceremonial in Ladakh Himalaya
3. **Amelia Hall**, Naropa University
Making Amends in the Hidden Land: A ritual of reparation for the kLu of Pachakshiri

Performance, Aesthetics, and Identity in Himalaya

Location: HUMN 186

1. **Katsuo Nawa**, The University of Tokyo
On the "Drum Music" in Byans and Adjacent Regions: Performances, Aesthetics, and Boundaries
2. **Noé Dinnerstein**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Fame, failure, and family dysfunction in the Namgyal Dynasty as seen in traditional songs of Ladakh.
3. **Åshild Thorsen**, University Museum of Bergen
Negotiating identity and artefacts in Kathmandu
4. **Walter Winkler**, Independent Scholar
Schema Change and Dharmi Possession among the Saukar on the Far Western Nepal Border

Navigating State Institutions in the Himalayas: Ethnographic Perspectives

Location: HUMN 190

Organizers: Uma Pradhan (Aarhus University), Karen Valentin (Aarhus University)

Chair: Karen Valentin, Aarhus University

1. **Karen Valentin**, Aarhus University

Introduction

2. **Uma Pradhan**, Aarhus University

Becoming 'eligible': Documents, intermediary actors, and the state in education scholarship programmes

3. **Elsie Lewison**, University of Toronto

Contested spaces of everyday agricultural governance: organic political ecologies in Jumla, Nepal

4. **Anden Drolet**, University of Colorado Boulder

A History of Gross National Happiness, and its Contemporary Usage

KEYNOTE | 11am - 12:30pm | Saturday, Sept 2

Lama Jabb, Wolfson College of Oxford University

Location: HUMN 150

Keynote Title: *The Rise, Fall and Vagrancy of a Mountain Deity: A Poetic Account of Tibet*

LUNCH | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Saturday, Sept 2

HUMN Lobby

Session #2 | 1:30pm - 3pm | Saturday, Sept 2

Community Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation

Location: HUMN 125

Moderator: John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

1. **Hemanta Kafley** (Tarleton State University); **Chelsea Ferrell** (Tufts University)

Sacred Groves under a shadow: Importance of religious forests for the rural Himalayan communities of Bhutan

Nationalism and Education in Nepal: Recent Ethnographic Perspectives

Location: HUMN 135

Organizers: Dannah Dennis (University of Virginia), Miranda Weinberg (University of Pennsylvania)

Discussant: Sara Shneiderman (University of British Columbia)

1. **Dannah Dennis**, University of Virginia
One Nation Under Shah: Teaching History in a Kathmandu Private School
2. **Uma Pradhan**, Aarhus University
'Nation' and 'Nationalism' in Mother-tongue textbooks in Nepal
3. **Miranda Weinberg**, University of Pennsylvania
"I went to the hills once": Viewing hilly Nepal from a Tarai school

Language Politics and Policy in the Himalayas: Panel A

Location: HUMN 145

Organizer: Selma K. Sonntag, University of Colorado Boulder

Discussant: Mark Turin, University of British Columbia

1. **Marielle Butters**, University of Colorado Boulder
The Sino-Tibetan family: Power and Scholarship in China
2. **Selma Sonntag**, University of Colorado Boulder
What happened to the Ahom language? Language politics in Assam
3. **Peng Ruijie** (University of Texas at Austin); **Nathaniel Sims** (UC Santa Barbara)
A sociocultural-linguistic investigation into the use of Wechat by Qiang speakers for language maintenance and cultural preservation

Ethics and Ritual Practice in the Formation of Tantric Subjectivities

Location: HUMN 180

1. **Adam Krug**, UC Santa Barbara
The Advanced Tantric Yogic Observance (vrata) or Practice (caryā) and its Modern Formulations
2. **Geoff Barstow**, Oregon State University
On the Moral Standing of Animals in Tibetan Narrative Literature
3. **Renee Ford**, Rice University
Opening to Buddha: The Role of Devotion in 3rd Dodrupchen Jigme Tenpai Nyima's Instructions for Practicing Guru Yoga

Exile Tibet: Identity, Practice, and Politics

Location: HUMN 186

1. **Dawa Lokyitsang**, University of Colorado Boulder
An Ethnography of Semi-Orphaned Tibetan Refugees
2. **Sara Conrad**, Indiana University
Women's Everyday Resistance in Tibetan Exile Communities: Stories from the Field
3. **Julie Blythe**, La Trobe University
"Everything with the elders is a power thing": Approaches to conflict among young Tibetans in Australia
4. **Jennifer Rowe**, University of Queensland
Being Tibetan: Identity, community and belonging in Australia
5. **Rupak Shrestha**, University of Colorado Boulder
Chinese Extra-territorial sovereignty, Nepali statemaking practices, and Tibetan refugee subjectivities in the Kathmandu Valley: Through visuality

Mobility, generation and temporality in the Himalayas: Panel A

Location: HUMN 190

Organizer: Cameron Warner, Aarhus University

1. **Jytte Agergaard**, University of Copenhagen
Geographical transformations in Nepal: Migration, generation and translocal connections
2. **Jens Seeberg**, Aarhus University
Fluid trans-generational dependencies among Gurung (Tamu) families in the aftermath of Gurkha resettlement in the UK
3. **Cameron Warner**, Aarhus University
Shifts in Buddhist Ecclesiastical Authority from Tibetan Refugees to Nepali Citizens and Interrelated Migration Patterns

Session #3 | 3:30pm - 5pm | Saturday, Sept 2

Human-Animal Relations in Tibet and the Himalayas

Location: HUMN 125

1. **Tashi Tsering**, Mount Royal University
Yak Dung: Understanding Society-Nature Relationship in Tibetan Societies
2. **Tshewang Wangchuk** (University of Montana); **Sarah Halvorson** (University of Montana); **Scott Mills** (University of Montana)
Formulating a new narrative of human-snow leopard interactions in the Jomolhari region, Northwest Bhutan
3. **Jon Miceler**, World Wildlife Fund
Whose Snow Leopards Are They Anyway?: Towards a tripartite snow leopard conservation template in the Kangchenjunga region of Nepal, India and China
4. **Nivedita Nath**, UCLA
Who's Holy Cow is it Anyway? Towards a Haptic History of Human-Animal Interactions in the Western Himalaya

Labor, Leisure and Law: Mobilizing Identity in the Himalayas Today

Location: HUMN 135

Organizer: Beth Prosnitz, University of Texas at Austin

Discussant: Heather Hindman, University of Texas at Austin

1. **Beth Prosnitz**, University of Texas Austin
Gendering the State: A Feminist Analysis of Property Rights and Democracy in Nepal
2. **Dikshant Uprety**, Indiana University-Bloomington
Porters' Resistance and the Two Histories of Capital
3. **Ruijie Peng**, University of Texas at Austin
The Representation of Tibet by Chinese Trekkers: An Ambivalent Criticism of China's Hegemonic Modernization

Language Politics and Policy in the Himalayas: Panel B

Location: HUMN 145

Organizer: Selma K. Sonntag, University of Colorado Boulder

Discussant: Mark Turin, University of British Columbia

1. **Bendi Tso**, University of British Columbia
The Dual linguistic hegemonies of Chinese and Amdo Tibetan and their impact on Chone Tibetan and its speakers
2. **Maya Daurio**, Independent Scholar
The Place-Based Experience of Language Transmission and Social-Ecological Knowledge
3. **Luke Lindemann**, Yale University
The Nepali Royal Language

Decolonizing Research in the Himalayas (Roundtable)

Location: HUMN 150

Convener: Anne Parker, Naropa University

Panelists:

1. **Sienna Craig**, Dartmouth College
2. **Amelia Hall**, Naropa University
3. **Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa**, Grinnell College
4. **Dinesh Paudel**, Appalachian State University
5. **Pasang Sherpa**, The New School

Socio-Cultural Transformation of Western Himalayas: Exploring People, Place and Cultural Landscape in Ladakh Region, India

Location: HUMN 180

Organizer: Suresh Babu, Jawaharlal Nehru University

1. **Suresh Babu**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Out of Ladakh, Being Educated: Making Sense of Educational Landscape of Ladakhi Students
2. **Siddharth Menon**, University of Colorado Boulder
'Building' Knowledge in the Lower Himalayas: Notes from the Kangra Valley

Mobility, generation and temporality in the Himalayas: Panel B

Location: HUMN 190

Organizer: Cameron Warner, Aarhus University

1. **Ankur Datta**, South Asian University

Coming of Age, But out of Place: senses of being, masculinity and the past among displaced Kashmiri Pandit youth

2. **Andrew Haxby**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

22 Houses Near the River: Reflections on Reconstruction, Youth and Home

3. **Samuele Poletti**, University of Edinburgh

Death, Personhood, and (the enigma of) Empathy in the Sinja Valley of Jumla (Western Nepal)

4. **Karen Valentin**, Aarhus University

Routes of hope: Unexpected journeys and extended horizons in Nepali migration

Nepal Geographers Group Meeting | 5:15pm - 6:15pm | Saturday, Sept 2

Organizers: Galen Murton (James Madison University); Dinesh Paudel (Appalachian State University);
Rupak Shrestha (University of Colorado Boulder)

Location: HUMN 125

Social Gathering organized by the Nepal Geographers Group | 7pm | Saturday, Sept 2

Location: Backcountry Pizza & Taphouse; 2319 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO 80302

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:30am | HUMN Lobby

Breakfast: Bagels and Coffee

Registration Opens

Session #4 | 9am - 10:30am | Sunday, Sept 3

Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation in Tibet and the Himalayas

Location: HUMN 125

Moderator: John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

1. **Carey Clouse**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
The Himalayan Ice Stupa: Water Storage for Villages in Ladakh
2. **Netra Chhetri**, Arizona State University
Conservation farming: A clumsy solutions to climate adaptation in the Himalayas
3. **Ritodhi Chakraborty**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Uncommon ground: Re-thinking regional climate risk through a dialogue between models and ethnography in the Himalaya
4. **Subhajit Debnath**, Gujarat National Law University
South Asian Biodiversity Convention for Conservation of the Himalaya: A Proposition

**Roads, spatial histories, and politics of practice in the Himalaya-Karakoram-Hindu Kush:
Panel A**

Location: HUMN 135

Organizers: Bhoomika Joshi (Yale University); Galen Murton (James Madison University)

Moderator: Galen Murton (James Madison University)

Discussant: Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)

1. **Sagar Lama**, ICIMOD/Tribhuvan University
Ancient Trade Routes and Contemporary Livelihood Practices of Western Himalayan Inhabitants of Nepal
2. **Galen Murton**, James Madison University
Border roads, uneven mobilities, and state formation in highland Nepal
3. **Robert Beazley**, Cornell University
Vibrant Bridge or Black Hole: Nepal's Infrastructure Dreams, India's Eastern Gaze, and China's Belt and Road Initiative
4. **Elsie Lewison** (University of Toronto); **Katharine Rankin** (University of Toronto)
Transnational rationalities of roads: Foreign aid and transportation infrastructure development in Nepal

Medicinal Botanical Capital in Nepal and India

Location: HUMN 145

Chair: Sarah Halvorson, University of Montana

1. **Laura Caplins** (University of Montana); **Sarah Halvorson** (University of Montana)
Political Ecology of Cordyceps in the Garhwal Himalaya of Northern India
2. **Kabir Mansingh Heimsath**, Lewis and Clark College
Strange Intersections: Humans, Technology and Insects in a Himalayan Valley
3. **Alton Byers**, University of Colorado Boulder
Contemporary Impacts of Yarsugumba ("caterpillar fungus") Harvesting on Alpine Ecosystems and Wildlife Populations in Highland Nepal
4. **Deep Chapagain**, Tribhuvan University
*Variation in life history traits of a threatened medicinal plant *Dactylorhiza hatagirea* (D. Don) Soó along an environmental gradient in Nepal Himalaya.*
5. **Bhupendra Nirajan**, Earth Open Source
Cultivation of medicinal plants- reinstating human-nature relationship: Empirical findings from Babagoriya community forest, Nawalparasi, Nepal

| In Memoriam: Dina Bangdel |

Consuming Shangrila: Identity Politics and Contemporary Himalayan Art (Roundtable)

Location: HUMN 150

This roundtable was initially proposed by Dina Bangdel, a prominent historian of Himalayan and South Asian art. Dina passed away on July 25, 2017. She has left us with her notable research that focuses on the art and ritual traditions of Newar Buddhism in the Kathmandu Valley, the visuality of Tantric Buddhist iconography of the Himalayan regions, and her engagements with theories of ritual performance and politics of identity. This panel persists in sustaining the light, artistic wisdom, and intellectual debates that Dina was intricately part of in her life.

Panelists:

1. **Elena Pakhoutova**, Curator of Himalayan Art, Rubin Museum of Art, New York
2. **Youdhistir Maharjan**, Contemporary Artist
3. **Ang Tsering Sherpa**, Contemporary Artist
4. **Maureen Drdak**, Contemporary Artist

Negotiating Religious Lineage and Borders in Himalaya

Location: HUMN 180

1. **Victoria Dalzell**, Independent Scholar
Karol Keldai: Christian Nepalis in Public Space
2. **Xiaobai Hu**, University of Pennsylvania
When Buddha Meets Chameleons: Muli and the Turbulent Sino-Tibetan Borderlands in 17th Century
3. **Ben Joffe**, University of Colorado at Boulder
Circulating Secrets: blessings and borders in the global transmission of Tibetan tantra
4. **Michelle Walsh**, University of Virginia
Culture, Psychology and Contemplative Practice: Intersections of Bhutanese Buddhism

Literature from the Himalayas: Rethinking the Region, Reimagining the Identities: Panel A

Location: HUMN 186

Organizers: Pushpa Raj Acharya (University of Toronto); Pallabi Gupta (Georgia State University)

1. **Pushpa Raj Acharya** (University of Toronto); **Pallabi Gupta** (Georgia State University)

Walking in the Nepal Mandala: Cultural Heritage in Abhi Subedi's Plays

2. **Ranjan Adiga**, Westminster College

Whose English is it Anyway?

3. **Alok Amatya**, University of Miami

Transnational Narratives of Return in the novels of Manjushree Thapa and Prajwal Parajuly

Nepali Diaspora, Cosmopolitanism, and Transnational Migrant Labor in the 21st Century: Moving Beyond the Gurkha Model: Panel A

Location: HUMN 190

Organizer: Andrew Nelson, University of North Texas

1. **Heather Hindman** (University of Texas at Austin); **Robert Oppenheim** (University of Texas at Austin)

Nepali Students, Laborers and Restaurateurs in 'Multicultural' Korea

2. **Premila van Ommen**, London College of Fashion, University of Arts London

Korean Faces, Mongolian Races: Homeland Identity Politics in England's Nepali Youth Fashion

3. **Andrew Nelson**, University of North Texas

South Asia to South America: Tales of Nepali Living and Laboring in Ecuador and Chile

Session #5 | 11am - 12:30pm | Sunday, Sept 3

Regional and National Scale Climate Change Impacts and Issues

Location: HUMN 125

1. **Anne Sophie Daloz**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Climate Change at the Third Pole: What is the impact on precipitation and agriculture?

2. **Pasang Sherpa**, The New School

An Assessment of Climate Change Literature (2000-2016) in Nepal

3. **Prajwal Panday**, Nichols College

Climatic hazards in the Himalayan region

Roads, spatial histories, and politics of practice in the Himalaya-Karakoram-Hindu Kush:

Panel B

Location: HUMN 135

Organizers: Bhoomika Joshi (Yale University); Galen Murton (James Madison University)

Moderator: Galen Murton (James Madison University)

Discussant: Katharine Rankin (University of Toronto)

1. **Shafqat Hussain**, Trinity College

China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) - The Road to Future

2. **Bhoomika Joshi**, Yale University

Drivery: Automobility and Autonomy in the Indian Himalayas

3. **Tulasi Sigdel** (Nepal Administrative Staff College); **Katharine Rankin** (University of Toronto);

Pushpa Hamal (University of Toronto)

Governing infrastructure in Nepal: Perspectives from the archives

4. **Dinesh Paudel**, Appalachian State University

Community Infrastructures in Post-Earthquake Nepal: NGOs, Local Resistance and the Micro-Politics of Rebuilding

5. **Mabel Gergan**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Indeterminism, Uneven Regional Development, and Hydropower Development in the Eastern Himalayas, India

Engaging Himalayan Visual Culture

Location: HUMN 180

Organizer: Leigh Miller, Maitripa College

1. **Kerry Lucinda Brown**, Randolph-Macon College

Building a Modern Nepal: Neoclassical Styles during the Rana Era (1846-1951)

2. **Gendun Gyatso**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Tibet in the Images of Socialist Realist Art (1950-1980)

3. **Sarah Magnatta**, Denver Art Museum

Rethinking the Exile Narrative: Current Projects in Contemporary Tibetan Art

4. **Leigh Miller**, Maitripa College

Gonkar Gyatso's "Family Album": Contemporary Tibetan Art Photography as Personal and Collective Portraiture

5. **Ulrik Høj Johnsen**, Aarhus Universitet/ Moesgaard Museum

Exhibiting Nepali Artifacts, from Patan to Moesgaard and Back Again through the Museum

Literature from the Himalayas: Rethinking the Region, Reimagining the Identities: Panel B

Location: HUMN 186

Organizers: Pushpa Raj Acharya (University of Toronto); Pallabi Gupta (Georgia State University)

1. **Kritish Rajbhandari**, Northwestern University

"a refracted circumstance": Decentering the Human in Purna Vaidya's La La Kha

2. **Anu Thapa**, University of Iowa

Reading 'Johnny Gurkha' in British Military Works and Nepali Literature

3. **Rachel Pang**, Davidson College

Non-Sectarian Literature: The Case Of Shabkar's (1781-1851) Literary Oeuvre

Nepali Diaspora, Cosmopolitanism, and Transnational Migrant Labor: Panel B

Location: HUMN 190

Organizer: Andrew Nelson, University of North Texas

1. **Benjamin Linder**, University of Illinois at Chicago
A Global Sense of Thamel: The Production of Nepali Cosmopolitanism between London, Hong Kong, and Kathmandu
2. **Chura Thapa**, The University of Hong Kong
Language, Ethnicity and Identity: Linguistic Ethnography of Second Generation Nepali Diaspora in Hong Kong
3. **Tshewang Lama** (Himalayan Studies, Conservation, and Sustainable Development); **Nabraj Lama** (Energy on the Move, Durham University)
The transnational livelihood strategies of Himalayan people: A comparative case study of Limi and Rasuwa

LUNCH | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Sunday, Sept 3
HUMN Lobby

Session #6 | 1:30pm - 3pm | Sunday, Sept 3

Pastoralism: Past and Present

Location: HUMN 125

1. **Kenneth Bauer**, Dartmouth College
Results from a Longitudinal Survey of Tibetan Nomads Undergoing Urbanization in China
2. **Tsering Bum**, Emory University
Practicing Ecological Policies on the Ground: Social and Economic Implications of Ecological Migration Policy and Pastoral Resettlement in Kham
3. **Eveline Yang**, Indiana University
Settled Nomads or Flexible Residents? Navigating urban opportunities and new ways of belonging in Tibetan pastoral communities in China

Change, Inequality, and Development in Nepal

Location: HUMN 135

Moderator: Rupak Shrestha, University of Colorado Boulder

1. **Tracy Sardone**, University of Colorado Boulder
The Paradox of Compounding Hardships and Increased Development: Single Women in Post-Earthquake Nepal
2. **Dan Hirsland**, University of Copenhagen
Fractured solidarities in Kathmandu's informalised labor industries
3. **Jason Stone**, Indiana University, Bloomington
Reaching Beyond the Village: Civic Activism and Insurgent Mobilization in Deeply-Divided Societies
4. **Pasang Sherpa** (The New School); **Jim Fisher** (Carleton College)
Contrasts and Concurrences: Across generations, gender, ethnicity, age, and nationality in Sherpa studies

Politics of Exclusion: Changing and Challenging Narratives

Location: HUMN 145

Chair: Kathleen Gallagher, St. Mary's University

1. **Richard Bownas** (University of Northern Colorado); **Ratna Bishokarma** (UNDP Nepal)
Dalits in Transition: A Political Sociology of Caste from Rural to Urban Settings
2. **Kathleen Gallagher**, St. Mary's University
The Burden of Freedom: Rising Rates of Oppression within Nepal's Emancipated Slave Population
3. **Anukta Gairola**, University of Delhi
Cooking of Rice and its Hegemonic Control in Garhwal

Himalayan Histories: Panel A

Location: HUMN 180

Organizer: Stefan Lüder, Humboldt University

1. **Queeny Pradhan**, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University
Imperial Hygiene and Popular Culture in the Colonial Hill Stations in India
2. **Stefan Lüder**, Humboldt University
Exploring a Forgotten Archive: Himalayan Prisoners of War in WWI, Germany
3. **Geoff Childs**, Washington University in St. Louis
Why is Nubri a Perpetual Realm of Darkness? A Longitudinal Perspective on the Moral Depiction of Borderland Communities

Affect in Tibetan Poetry and Songs: Panel A

Location: HUMN 186

Organizers: Nicole Willock (Old Dominion University); Holly Gayley (University of Colorado Boulder)

1. **Lama Jabb**, University of Oxford
Capturing the Tibetan World within the Poetic Image
2. **Nancy Lin**, Vanderbilt University
Ordinary Flourishing in the Writings of Zhuchen Tsültrim Rinchen
3. **Nicole Willock**, Old Dominion University
Aesthetics of Affect in Modern Tibetan Literary Theory

Nepali-Bhutanese Refugee Resettlement: A Retrospective Look at the First Decade: Panel A

Location: HUMN 190

Organizers: Andrew Nelson (University of North Texas); Joseph Stadler (Gannon University)

1. **Retika Desai**, Syracuse University

Behind the Visible Faces: Nepali-Bhutani Backstory of Arrival and American Refuge

2. **Suchitra Samanta**, Virginia Tech University

“Education as Protection:” Assessing the UNHCR Mandate in the context of Nepali-Bhutanese Refugee Students’ Experiences at a U.S. Community College in Roanoke, Virginia

3. **Kathryn Stam**, SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Secondary Migration of Bhutanese Refugees in the U.S.: Stories about movement between Utica, NY, and other cities

4. **Joe Stadler**, Gannon University

Between “Satisfaction” and Suicide: Making Do in Nepali-Bhutanese America

Session #7 | 3:30pm - 5pm | Sunday, Sept 3

Himalayan Mountain Tourism: Crossways Between Nature and Culture

Location: HUMN 125

Organizers: Young Hoon Oh (University of California, Riverside); Mary Jackson (Prescott College)

1. **Mary Jackson**, Prescott College

A topographic ethnography of place and adventure trekking tourism in Khumbu, Nepal

2. **Young Hoon Oh**, University of California, Riverside

Quasi-matriarchy and Semi-migration for Sherpa Success in Himalayan Mountaineering

3. **Pramod Parajuli**, Prescott College

Annapurna Pluriversity: Living, Learning and Leading Regenerative Abundance

4. **Peter Hansen**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Mountaineering and Empire: Debating the Commercialization of Mountain Tourism

Storytelling in Nepal

Location: HUMN 145

Organizer: Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

1. **Coralynn Davis**, Bucknell University

Women’s Traditional Storytelling and Contemporary Painting in Mithila: Intergenerational and Cross-genre Conversations

2. **Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

“This is a Women’s Tradition”: The Legacy of a 16 th C Narrative in 21 st Century Nepal

3. **Todd Lewis**, College of the Holy Cross

Paintings for Storytellers: Newar Paubha Traditions of Displaying Domesticated Buddhist Narratives

Designing and Sustaining Himalayan Studies at North American Universities (Roundtable)

Location: HUMN 150

Organizer/Convener: Mark Turin, University of British Columbia

Panelists:

1. **Mona Bhan**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, DePauw University
2. **Alok K. Bohara**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico
3. **David Citrin**, Affiliate Instructor in Anthropology and Global Health, University of Washington
4. **Maya Magarati**, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, University of Washington
5. **Ariana Maki**, Associate Director, Tibet Center and Bhutan Initiative, University of Virginia
6. **David Molden**, Director General, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
7. **Alark Saxena**, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University
8. **Mark Turin**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of British Columbia
9. **Keiko Yamanaka**, University of California, Berkeley
10. **Emily Yeh**, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, CU Boulder

Himalayan Histories: Panel B

Location: HUMN 180

Organizer: Stefan Lüder, Humboldt University

1. **Ugyan Choedup**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Early History and Politics of Exile: Case Study of 'Chol Gsum Chig Bsgril Tshogs Pa'
2. **Ruth Gamble**, La Trobe University
"On the other side of the River": The Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibetan History, three historical snapshots
3. **Nadine Plachta**, Heidelberg University
State Control at Nepal's Himalayan Border: Administrative Documents on Tsum during the Rana Period

Affect in Tibetan Poetry and Songs: Panel B

Location: HUMN 186

Organizers: Nicole Willock (Old Dominion University); Holly Gayley (University of Colorado Boulder)

1. **Jann Ronis**, UC Berkeley
"A cold draft is now blowing/ In this sad world" – The Language of Sadness in the Poetry of Tenzin Gyatso (b.1968)
2. **Holly Gayley**, University of Colorado Boulder
Love without Attachment: The Tantric Expression of Amorous Moods in Tibetan Verse
3. **Annabella Pitkin**, Lehigh University
The Sweet Taste of Difficult Relationships: The Unnamable Rasa of Separation from the Guru

Nepali-Bhutanese Refugee Resettlement: A Retrospective Look at the First Decade: Panel B

Location: HUMN 190

Organizers: Andrew Nelson (University of North Texas); Joseph Stadler (Gannon University)

1. **Lopita Nath**, University of the Incarnate Word

From the United States to the Camps in Nepal: Challenges and Impact of the Bhutanese Refugee Resettlement

2. **Susan Banki** (The University of Sydney); **Nicole Philips** (The University of Sydney)

Bhutanese Diaspora and Transnational Connections: Politics, Press, and Personal Practice

3. **Andrew Nelson**, University of North Texas

Nepali, Bhutanese, Nepali-Bhutanese or Bhutanese-Nepali? The Politics of Naming

ANHS General Meeting | 5:15pm - 6:15pm | Sunday, Sept 3

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Monday, September 4, 2017

8:30am | HUMN Lobby

Breakfast: Bagels and Coffee

Session #8 | 9am - 10:30am | Monday, Sept 4

Energy, Education, and Development in Tibet

Location: HUMN 135

1. **Dolma Tsering**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
China's Poverty Alleviation Program In Tibetan Areas: Issues and Challenges
2. **Apa Lhamo**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
China's Education Policy in Rural Tibet
3. **Chime Youdon**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
China's Hydropower Projects in Tibet increases Climate Risk of Himalaya Regions
4. **Benjia Dou**, University of Colorado Boulder
Renewable Energy Development on the Tibetan Plateau: policies and opportunities

Manasik Swastha: Mental Health and Care in Nepal: Panel A

Location: HUMN 145

Organizers: Mary Cameron (Florida Atlantic University); Steve Folmar (Wake Forest University)

Moderator: Steve Folmar, Wake Forest University

1. **Mary Cameron**, Florida Atlantic University
Stigma, Research, Culture, and the Ethics of Mental Health Care Development in Nepal
2. **Steve Folmar**, Wake Forest University
Psychological Resilience and the 2015 Earthquake: For Whom?
3. **Judith Justice**, University of California at San Francisco
Mental Health Care in Nepal: Challenges Confronting Patients and Practitioners
4. **Lindsay Gezinski**, University of Utah
Gender-based violence and sexual health among female sex workers in Kathmandu: A feminist political economy lens

Materials of Mobility: Visual & Material Archives of The Himalayas

Location: HUMN 180

Organizer: Jana Fortier, University of California, San Diego

Discussant: Todd Lewis, College of the Holy Cross

1. **Ryan Gauvin**, University of British Columbia
Exile, Mimesis, and the Art of Gendun Chopel
2. **Séagh Kehoe**, University of Nottingham
The Landscape of "Old Photo" Sharing
3. **Katherine Hacker**, University of British Columbia
Some Reflections on Heritage Initiatives in Post-earthquake Kathmandu
4. **Jana Fortier**, University of California, San Diego
Color Me Bamboo: Using the natural environment as inspiration for color terms among the Raji and Raute

Food and Drink as Multifaceted Things in the Himalayas, and Beyond

Location: HUMN 186

Organizers: Brendan Galipeau (University of Hawai'i at Manoa); Bo Wang (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Moderator: Brendan Galipeau (University of Hawai'i at Manoa)

1. **Brendan Galipeau**, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Tibetan Wine Production and Consumption in Shangri-La, China
2. **Kei Nagaoka**, Kyoto University
The Fear of "Poisoning" and Reconfiguration of Mobility: A Case of the Monpas in Eastern Himalaya
3. **Kanako Nakagawa**, National Museum of Ethnology, Japan
The Social Mobility Mediated by the Marketization of Buffalo Meat: A Case Study from Caste-Ordained Butchers in Kathmandu Valley

Session #9 | 11am - 12:30pm | Monday, Sept 4

Glacier Lake Outburst Flood Risks & Hazards

Location: HUMN 125

Organizer: Milan Shrestha, Arizona State University

1. **Daene McKinney** (University of Texas at Austin); **Alton Byers** (University of Colorado Boulder); **Milan Shrestha** (Arizona State University)
Science-Based, Community-Driven Approach to Reducing Glacier Lake Outburst Flood Risks in the Nepal Himalaya
2. **Sonam Sherpa** (Arizona State University); **Milan Shrestha** (Arizona State University)
Understanding Social and Natural Coupling System in the case of Vulnerability to Glacial Lake Outburst Floods in Everest region, Nepal
3. **Milan Shrestha**, Arizona State University
Balancing on a Beyul: Memories and Perceptions of Glacial Hazards in Solukhumbu, Nepal
4. **Alton Byers**, University of Colorado Boulder
A Field-based Study of Impacts of the 2015 Earthquake on Potentially Dangerous Glacial Lakes in Nepal

Shaping the Future of Eastern Tibet: Building Amdo through Schooling and Urbanization

Location: HUMN 135

Organizer: Andrew Frankel, University of Virginia

Discussant: Charlene Makley, Reed College

1. **Adrian Zenz**, European School of Culture and Theology
The Current State of Tibetan Education in China: An Analysis of Advertised Teacher Recruitment
2. **Andrew Frankel**, University of Virginia
Outside The Schoolyard Gate: Exploring the Form, Content, and Meaning of Supplemental Schools in Amdo
3. **Andrew Grant**, UCLA
Paths to the City: Tibetan strategies for making homes and building class
4. **Dorje Tashi**, University of Colorado Boulder
Development and Labor Migration in Rural Amdo

Manasik Swastha: Mental Health and Care in Nepal: Panel B

Location: HUMN 145

Organizers: Mary Cameron (Florida Atlantic University); Steve Folmar (Wake Forest University)

Moderator: Steve Folmar, Wake Forest University

1. **Sauharda Rai**, Duke Global Health Institute

Adolescent aspirational models and mental health in northwestern Nepal

2. **Aidan Seale-Feldman**, UCLA

On The Possibility of Translation

3. **Nashalla Nyinda**, Naropa University

Adapting Traditional Tibetan Medicine Treatment of Mental Health into Western Systems

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