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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Belonging, Transnational Migration, Ethnography, Citizenship, Asian Diaspora, Global Asia, Surveillance, Refugees, Indigeneity, Memory, Nepal, South Asia, Visual Methods

EDUCATION

2022	Ph.D., Department of Geography, University of Colorado, Boulder Dissertation Title: *The Border Came Between Us: Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal* Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Fluri
2016	Graduate Certificate in Development Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder
2015	M.A. Geography, Miami University
2012	B.A. with honors, Geography, Tourism, GIS, St. Cloud State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023–Present	Assistant Professor of International Studies and Global Asia, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC
2022–2023	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Macalester College, St Paul, MN
2021–2022	Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science and International Relations and Global Affairs (IRGA) Program, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

PUBLICATIONS

2023	Shrestha, Rupak. Territorial futures: On belonging, caste, and pedagogy. *Dialogues in Human Geography*, 13(3), 505-508. https://doi.org/10.1177/20438206231186907
2022	Shrestha, Rupak. "Affective borderings: Sovereignty and Tibetan refugee placemaking at the Nepal/China borderlands." *Political Geography* 99 (November): 102764. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2022.102764.
2022	**Shrestha, Rupak**, and Jennifer L Fluri. "Geopolitics of Security and Surveillance in Nepal and Afghanistan: A Comparative Analysis." *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* 41 (1): 92–108:. https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544221115952.

2021   **Shrestha, Rupak**, and Jennifer Fluri. "Geopolitics of Humour and Development in Nepal and Afghanistan." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Humour Research*, edited by Elisabeth Vanderheiden and Claude-Hélène Mayer, 189–203. Palgrave Macmillan.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-78280-1_10

2021   Shrestha, Rupak. "Review of Geocultural Power: China's Quest to Revive the Silk Roads for the Twenty-First Century, by Tim Winter." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 63 (6): 794–96.
https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2021.1894966

In Progress   Shrestha, Rupak. "Geographies of Surveillance." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Geography*, edited by Barney Warf. (Under Contract, In Preparation)

In Progress   Shrestha, Rupak. "History ties us to this place: Territorial Amnesia and Belonging for Tibetans in Exile and Himalayan Indigenous Peoples in Nepal." Planned submission to EPD (In Preparation)

In Progress   Shrestha, Rupak. "Responding to the Future: Reimagining Migrant Lives in Kathmandu through Photo-Elicitation and Visual Narratives". Planned submission to *Places Journal* (In Preparation)

In Progress   Shrestha, Rupak. "The Border Came Between Us: Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal". Book Monograph (In Preparation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE
Instructor of Record
2022–2023   Department of Geography, Macalester College

Indigenous Futures
Borders and Belonging
Visual Storytelling: Researching with Digital and Visual Materials and Creating Visual Narratives
Political Geographies of South Asia
Human Geography of Global Issues

2021–2022   Department of Political Science and IRGA Program, Eckerd College

Everyday Politics in South Asia
Urban Politics: Who is the City for?
Borders and Belonging

2017–2022   Department of Geography, University of Colorado Boulder

Mountain Geography
Human Geographies
World Regional Geographies

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2022	Digital Liberal Arts Faculty Fellow, Macalester College, $4000
2022	Course Development Award, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Humanities For All Time Grant, Macalester College, $1000
2021	Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for Scholars from Marginalized Communities, Eckerd College, $50,000
2020	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder, $13,165
2020	ABRN Conference Grant, Asian Borderlands Research Network, €400
2019	Mabel Duncan Award, Department of Geography, University of Colorado Boulder, $1,500
2019	International Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder, $500
2019	DeSana Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder, $693
2018	China and Inner Asia Council Research Travel Grant, Association for Asian Studies, $2,000
2017	National Science Foundation - Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, $15,991
2017	Asian Geography Specialty Group Graduate Student Paper Award, AAG, $150
2016	Jennifer Dinaburg Memorial Research Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder, $2,000
2016	Ragaei El Mallakh Memorial Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder, $500
2016	DeSana Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder, $450
2016	Travel Grant, United Government of Graduate Students, University of Colorado Boulder, $300
2015	Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Award, University of Colorado Boulder, $1,000
2015	Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder, $300
2015	PhD funding package, Department of Geography, University of Colorado Boulder, $120,713
2015	Summer Writing Grant, Department of Geography, Miami University, $1,800

CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS

Invited Talks and Panels

2023   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, Asian Studies Colloquium, Macalester College

2023   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, Department of Global and Intercultural Studies, Miami University

2023   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, New York University Shanghai

2023   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University

2022   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, Department of Geography, University of Missouri

2022   Talk -- *"The Border Came Between Us": Securing Development, Surveillance and Securitization, and Refugee Memory and Placemaking in Nepal*, School of Earth and Environment, University of Canterbury, Aotearoa New Zealand

2022   Lecture -- *Securing Development, Surveillance, and Intimate Social Worlds: Tibetan Refugees and Chinese Influence in Nepal*, The Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College

2022   Talk -- *Surveillance, Secrecy, and Intimate Social Worlds: Tibetan Refugees and Chinese Extraterritorial Influence in Nepal,* Department of Geography, Geology and Planning, Missouri State University

2021   Panelist -- *Research Bites*, College Program Series, Eckerd College.

2021   Panelist -- *Author Meets Critics: Intimate Geopolitics: Love, Territory, and the Future on India's Northern Threshold by Sara Smith*, Annual Meeting of the AAG.

2021   Lecture -- *Surveillance, Secrecy, and Social Worlds: Tibetan Refugees and Chinese Extraterritorial Sovereignty in Nepal*, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL.

2021   Panelist -- *Southwest of China? Identity, borders and conflict in contemporary Asia*, Kyushu University (with La Trobe University), Fukuoka, Japan. [Virtual Roundtable](#).

2019	Discussant -- *Borders and Boundaries*, The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal
2019	Lecture – *Social and Political Life of Mountains*, in Mountain Geography, taught by Dr. Peter Blanken, University of Colorado Boulder

Conference Presentations, Panels, and Workshops

2022	Paper -- *"History ties us to this place": Territorial Amnesia, Placemaking, and Belonging*, Annual Meeting of the AAG, New York. Virtual Session
2022	Chair/Co-Organizer -- *Environment, Infrastructure, and Development Politics in Nepal and Himalaya*, Annual Meeting of the AAG, New York. Virtual Session
2021	Paper -- *Indigeneity and Intimate Social Worlds at the Borderlands*, Nepali Academics in America Inaugural Conference. Virtual Session
2021	Organizer/Chair -- Indigenous Knowledges and Sustainable Development, Nepali Academics in America Inaugural Conference. Virtual Session
2021	Chair/Moderator -- *Nationalism, Perceptions and Geopolitics,* AAG Political Geography Specialty Group Preconference. Virtual Session
2020	Paper -- *Bordering Ethnicity and Indigeneity in the Himalayas*, Asian Borderlands Conference - "Borderlands Futures: Technologies, Zones, Co-existences", Seoul, South Korea. Virtual Session
2020	Panelist -- *Decolonizing Nepal and Himalayan Geographies*, Annual Meeting of the AAG, Denver, CO. Virtual Session
2019	Paper -- *The border came in between us: extraterritoriality, intimacy, and dissensus at the Nepal-China borderlands*, The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2019	Paper -- *Tibetan refugee subjectivities and intimacy in the Nepal-China borderlands,* Annual Meeting of the AAG Great Plains / Rocky Mountain Division, Lawrence, KS
2019	Participant -- Critical Geography South Asia Workshop on "Feminist and Queer Urban Geographies", IISER Mohali, Punjab, India
2018	Paper -- *Seasonal Migration, Dispossession, and Precarity: A Narrative of Brick Factory Migrant Laborers in Kathmandu, Nepal*, Association for Asian Studies AAS-in-Asia Conference, New Delhi, India
2017	Chair -- *Change, Inequality, and Development in Nepal*, Himalayan Studies Conference V, Boulder, CO

2017	Panelist -- *Geographies of Nepal: Development, Politics, Ecologies across Himalayan landscapes*, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA
2016	Panelist -- *Fieldwork in Human Geography*, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA

RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

2021–2021	Graduate Research Assistant, "Security, Leadership, and Development in Afghanistan" with Dr.Jennifer Fluri, University of Colorado Boulder
2020–2021	Field Interviewer, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, conducted by RTI International for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Boulder, CO
2016–2017	Convener and Co-Organizer, "Himalayan Studies Conference V", Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Boulder, CO
2016–2017	Graduate Research Assistant, "Drone Project" - Project Society, Integrated Remote and In Situ Sensing with Dr. Emily Yeh and Dr. Lorraine Bayard de Volo, University of Colorado Boulder
2014–2015	Graduate Assistant, International Studies Program with Dr. Carl Dahlman, Miami University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2020–present	Founding Team Member, ARUNA Global South
2022–2023	Steering Committee Member, Asian Studies Program, Macalester College
2019–present	Editorial Advisory Board Member, International Journal of Bhutan and Himalaya Research
2020–2022	Board Member, Asian Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2018–2022	Executive Committee Member, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
2020–2021	Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2019–2020	Graduate Coordinator, Tibet Himalaya Initiative, University of Colorado Boulder, and 2016-2017
2013–2014	Graduate Liaison, Geography and Planning Society, Miami University

| 2012–2013 | Student Director, Cartography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers |
| 2011–2012 | Senior Student Representative, National Executive Committee, Gamma Theta Upsilon |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
American Association of Geographers, since 2011
Aruna Global South, since 2021
Association for Asian Studies, since 2017
Association for Borderlands Studies, since 2020
Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, since 2014
Tibet Himalaya Initiative | Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, since 2015

PEER-REVIEWER
Area Development and Policy
Political Geography
Territory, Politics, Governance

LANGUAGES
Nepali (Native)
English (Fluent)
Hindi (Advanced)
Nevāh Bhāy (Beginner)
Tibetan (Beginner)
Spanish (Beginner)

TECHNICAL SKILLS
ArcGIS
Adobe Illustrator
MAXQDA
Adobe Premiere Pro
Adobe Illustrator
Google/Microsoft Suite