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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M. A. (2014), **Sociology**, Birendra Multiple Campus, Tribhuwan University, Nepal.

B.Com. (1995), **Commerce**, Lumbini Multiple Campus, Tribhuwan University, Nepal

I.Com. (1993), **Commerce**, Balkumari College, Tribhuwan University, Nepal

Professional Experiences

2000–to date: **Study Manager**. Institute for Social and Environmental Research-Nepal

Major Responsibilities

Program management: Implementation, supervision and management of social research programs (both Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and Paper-pencil based Personal Interviewing (PAPI)) that include questionnaire design, translation, pre-test and finalization of data collection instruments and survey administration and management; ethical approval, coordination with local communities and other government and non-government organizations to launch research as well as community development programs.

Human resource management: Manage field activities done by interviewers, team leaders, assistant supervisors and supervisors. Help ISER-N to recruit research staff, provide training on the state-of-the-art research methods and techniques to the interviewers for each research program.

Training to the survey staff; Providing General Interviewing Technique (GIT) Training and Study Specific Training to interviewers for survey data collection. Organize refresher trainings on a regular basis to update changes in data collection protocols or identify field issues.

Monitoring, supervision and evaluation: Prepare monitoring and evaluation indicators and implement them on a regular basis to monitor and supervise field data collection

work. Also prepare evaluation report of field research staff – supervisors, assistant supervisors, team leaders, and interviewers

Report preparation and coordination: Prepare monthly progress reports of on-going programs and final reports upon the completion of the program. Submit these reports to the Director. Coordinate field research activities with field staff and update the progress to the Director.

Administrative works: Assist the Administrative team for financial (Budgeting, invoice preparation) and logistic management for the research activities.

1995-2000: **Research Supervisor**, Population and Ecology Research Laboratory (PERL), Rampur, Chitwan (Currently, Institute for Social and Environmental Research-Nepal)

Major Responsibilities

Program Implementation: Involve in preliminary process before implement the survey such as questionnaire design, Pretesting , finalizing the instrument and prepare data collection protocols and consent form, communicate with main researchers and administrative team as per needs.

Program management: Implement various surveys such as ethnographic surveys, focus group surveys, in-depth interviews, cognitive interview, individual interviews and household surveys; manage field data collection activities; provide training to interviewers.

Monitoring and supervision: Manage overall data collection activities, supervise field data collection, field staff, monitoring quality control and assist survey team as per need.

Reporting: prepare progress reports and final reports; update the progress to the Program Coordinator.

Training: Organize training for data collection staff both General Interviewing Training and Study Specific Training.

Administrative works: assist the Administrative Officer for financial and logistic management of field research activities.

Professional Trainings

International

June-July, 2003. Attended training on Survey Data Analysis, Questionnaire Testing Methods, and Qualitative Methods: Overview and Semi-structured Interview, Summer Institute, the University of Michigan, USA.

June-July, 2003. Attended the English Language Training at Michigan Language Center, University of Michigan, USA.

June, 2003. Attended the Nepal Data User's Workshop Training at the Population Studies Center of the University of Michigan, USA.

June-July, 1999. Attended training on Introduction to Survey Research Techniques, Summer Institute, the University of Michigan USA

National

June, 2017. Training on Survey Data Analysis using data analysis tool ® Organized by Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal

August, 2014. Training Cognitive Interviewing Techniques: WHO- Model Disability Survey organized by University of Michigan, USA at Institute for Social and Environmental Research Nepal

June, 2012. Training on Survey Data Analysis using data analysis tool Organized by Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal

April, 2012, Communicating Professional English Skill Training Organized by Institute for Social and Environmental Research, Nepal

May 2011, "Short Course on Scientific Writing Training" organized by South Asia Institute of Advance Studies in Katmandu, Nepal.

August 2003. Tharu Language Teachers Training" Organized by the National Tharu Welfare Society in Katmandu, Nepal.

November 2001. Training/workshop on Negotiation Skills jointly organized by International Labor Organization (ILO) and Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Employer's Council (FNCCI-EC) Chitwan, Nepal.

March 1996. General Interviewer Trainers Training organized by Population and Ecology Research Laboratory at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Rampur, Chitwan.

Language Proficiency

Nepali : Excellent

English : Very Good

Tharu : Excellent (Ethnic Language)

Hindi : Excellent

Computer Skills

Microsoft office systems (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Statistical package (SPSS, SAS, R)

Publications

- Nash, N., Capstick, S., Whitmarsh, L., Chaudhary, I. & Manandhar, R. (2019). "Perceptions of local environmental issues and the relevance of climate change in Nepal's Terai: Perspectives from two communities". *Frontiers in Sociology: Medical Sociology*
- Prem Bhandari & Indra Chaudhary (2016): "A calendar method of collecting remittance use data in a remittance dependent setting of Nepal", *Migration and Development*, DOI: 10.1080/21632324.2015.1129689
- Dangol, D. R., P. Bhandari, B. Adhikari, I. Chaudhary and S. Gurung. 2005. "Paschim Chitwanko Banaspati; Sarvekchyan ra Bishleshan". *Hamro Sirjana* 2(3):33-40.
- Barber J. S., L. Pearce, I. Chaudhary and S. Gurung. (2000). "Voluntary Associations and Fertility Limitation." *Social Forces* 80 (2): 1369-1401.
- Pearce, L. D., William G. Axinn, I. Chaudhary. (2006). "Elaborating Relationships between Household-Level Population Dynamics and Environment Consumption Using a Mixed Method Approach." Working Paper. Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, the University of Michigan.

Presentations

- Prem Bhandari and Indra Chaudhary. 2015. "A Calendar Method of Collecting Remittance Use Data in a Remittance Dependent Economy." A paper accepted for presentation at the Population Association of America (PAA), San Diego, California, April 30-May 2, 2015. Also accepted for a poster at the Third Asian Population Association Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 27-30, 2015.
- Chaudhary, Indra. 2015. "Caste/Ethnicity Differentials in Individual Attitudes towards Inter-caste Marriage in Nepal." A poster accepted for presentation at the Third Asian Population Association Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 27-30, 2015.
- Chaudhary, Indra. 2014. "Caste/Ethnicity Differentials in Individual Attitudes towards Inter-caste Marriage in Nepal" A paper presented at the First Nepal Population Conference held in Kathmandu, June 5-7, 2014.
- Pearce, Lisa D., Axinn, William G. Axinn, and Indra Chaudhary. 2009. "Elaborating Links between Population Dynamics and Environmental Consumption through a Mixed Method Approach." Presented at the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, May, Beijing, China.
- Pearce, Lisa D., William G. Axinn, and Indra Chuadary. 2003. "Turning Influential Data Points into Ethnographic Informants: Elaborating Links between Population Dynamics and Environmental Consumption." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, May 1-3, Minneapolis, MN.

Barber, Jennifer S., Lisa D. Pearce, Indra Chaudhury, and Susan Gurung. 2000. "Voluntary Associations and Fertility Limitation." Presented at the American Sociological Association of America Annual Meeting, August 12-16, Washington, D.C.

Master's Thesis

"Caste/Ethnicity Differentials in Individual Attitudes towards Inter-caste Marriage in Chitwan".

Membership in Professional Organizations

- Life Member Population Association of Nepal

REFERENCES:

1. Prof. Dr. William G. Axinn, Research Professor, Population Studies Center, Professor, Sociology, Research Professor, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, E-mail: baxinn@umich.edu.
2. Prof. Dr. Dirgha Jibi Ghimire, Research Associate Professor, Population Studies Center, Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, Email: nepdjg@umich.edu.
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