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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

September 2022-December 2022 Assistant Lecturer, Indian Music Ensemble, University of

Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

May 2021-August 2021 Assistant Lecturer, Indian Music Ensemble, University of

Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

September 2020-December 2020 Assistant Lecturer, Indian Music Ensemble, University of

Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

September 2019-December 2019 Principal Instructor, Indian Music Ensemble, University

of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

May 2019-August 2019 Principal Instructor, Indian Music Ensemble, University

of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

September 2018-December 2018 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to World Music,

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

August 2006-July 2013 College Music Teacher, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

EDUCATION

May 2023 (Expected) PhD (Ethnomusicology), University of Alberta, Edmonton

Alberta, Canada

Dissertation: "Traditional Music for Cultural Continuity, Sustainability and Community Well-Being: A Case Study of the Nepalese Diaspora Community in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada."

Committee: Professors Michael Frishkopf (Chair), Marcia

Ostashewski, and Andie Palmer

2016 Master's Degree in Music Management, University of Agder,

Kristiansand, Norway

2010 Master's Degree in Music, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
 2006 Bachelor's Degree in Music, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

In Submission "Homeland Echoes: Music, Sound, and Bhakti Among the South Asian Hindu

Diaspora in Edmonton, Canada." South Asian Diaspora. Submitted November

09, 2022.

2022 "Participatory Ethnomusicology: An Epistemic Approach to Social Justice,

Human Rights, and the Sustainability of the Traditional Arts of Minorities." In "Social justice, human rights, and sustainability of traditional arts," special

issue, *International Journal of Traditional Arts* 4, no. 1: 1-23. https://tradartsjournal.ncl.ac.uk/index.php/ijta/article/view/54

2022 "Engaging Communities in Research: Applied Ethnomusicology, Shared

Knowledge Production, and Cultural Empowerment in the Nepalese Diaspora Community of Edmonton, Canada." In *Proceeding of Seventh Meeting of ICTM Study Group on Applied Ethnomusicology: Performing, Engaging, Knowing, Lucerne, August 26-29, 2020*: 1-23. Lucerne: Lucerne

University of Applied Science and Arts, Zenodo (Forthcoming).

2021 "Nepalese Diasporic Music in Canada: Representing, Reimagining, and

Resonating Homeland." Ethnomusicology Journal (Association of

Ethnomusicology Turkey) 4, no. 1: 60-82.

https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/etnomuzikoloji/issue/61985/928485

2021 "Digital Technologies and Music Digitisation: Challenges and Opportunities

for the Nepalese Music Industry." *International Journal of Music Business Research* 10, no. 2 (September): 1-12. DOI: https://doi.org/10.2478/ijmbr-research

2021-0005

Book Reviews:

Book Review of *Music in the American Diasporic Wedding*, Inna Naroditskaya

(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2019). *H-Celebration, H-Net Reviews*: 2-4. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=55659

2020 Book Review of Singing Across Divides: Music and Intimate Politics in Nepal,

Anna Marie Stirr (New York, Oxford University Press). Asian Music 51, No. 2

(summer/fall): 158-160. doi:10.1353/amu.2020.0028

Book Review of Recasting Folk in the Himalaya: Indian Music, Media, and

Social Mobility, Stefan Fiol (Urbana: University of Illinois Press). Yearbook

for Traditional Music 52: 221-223.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/ytm.2020.36

Translations:

English to Hindi

Translation of ICTM Statement and Activities in View of Decolonization of

Music and Dance Studies. International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM).

https://www.ictmusic.org/documents/decolonization-music-dance-

studies/hindi

English to Nepali

2022 Translation of ICTM Statement and Activities in View of Decolonization of

Music and Dance Studies. International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM).

https://www.ictmusic.org/documents/decolonization-music-dance-

studies/nepali

English to Nepali and Hindi

2021 Translation of CSTM'S CALL TO ACTION: Challenging Systemic Racism and

Colonialism in Ethnomusicology in Canada. Canadian Society for Traditional

Music: 1-2.

English to Nepali

Translation of *Notes on the Musical Instruments of the Nepalese*. A. Campbell

(Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal VI, Part II: 286-290). Archived in

Music Museum of Nepal.

Other Publications:

2022 "Systematization of Non-Western Music Teaching in Canada: An Inquiry." The Canadian Music Teacher 73, no. 3 (Spring): 22-25. https://www.cfmta.org/docs/magazines/73-3.pdf 2021 "Non-Western (World) Music Teaching in Canada: Opening the Doors." TEMPO, Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (September): 11-12. https://armta.ca/prov18/wpcontent/uploads/2021/08/Tempo 2021 Aug12 WEBsmall-size.pdf With Anna Wright, "Writing: Approaches and Practices." SEM Student News 2021 16, No. 2 (Fall/Winter): 38-41. https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.ethnomusicology.org/resource/group/dc75 b7e7-47d7-4d59-a660-19c3e0f7c83e/publications/semsn_16-2.pdf 2020 With Anna Wright, "Theories in the Field and Classroom." SEM Student News 16, No. 1 (Spring/Summer): 48-52. https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.ethnomusicology.org/resource/group/dc75 b7e7-47d7-4d59-a660-19c3e0f7c83e/publications/semsn16.1.pdf 2018 "Music as an Identity: A Perspective on the Nepalese Community of Edmonton." Connection: Voice of Nepalese Community. Nepalese Canadian society of Edmonton: 68-70. 2018 "Music and Identity: Articulation of Nepalipan among the Nepalese Canadian Society of Edmonton." Maple Ko Phed Bata. Nepali Literary Club of Alberta, Edmonton: 63-72.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Paper Prize:

2022 ICTM Student Paper Prize 2022 Winner

Bests Student Paper presented at the 46th ICTM World Conference in Lisbon. Paper title: "Engaging Community in Creating and Ethnomusicology Archive: A Digital Community Archive Project in Edmonton, Alberta,

Canada."

Fellowship:

| 2021-22 | 21st Century Fellowship, Society for Ethnomusicology (For Doctoral Research) | USD \$7,500 |
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| Awards: | | |
| 2022 | Barbara Barnard Smith Travel Award, International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) | €250 |
| 2022 | J Gordon Kaplan Graduate Student Award, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), University of Alberta | CAD \$1,300 |
| 2022 | President's Fund Award, Department of Music, University of Alberta | CAD \$500 |
| 2022 | Department of Music Conference Travel Award, University of Alberta | CAD \$330 |

| 2021-22 | Graduate Student Small Grants Award, Society for Asian Music (For Doctoral Research Fieldwork) | USD \$4,000 |
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| 2021 | Edmonton Consular Corps Award, University of Alberta International (For Doctoral Research Fieldwork) | CAD \$3,000 |
| 2020 | Creators' Reserve Grant, Edmonton Arts Council | CAD \$5,000 |
| 2019 | Graduate Students' Academic Travel Award, Graduate Students' Association (GSA), University of Alberta | CAD \$500 |
| 2019 | Department of Music Conference Travel Award, University of Alberta | CAD \$250 |
| 2019 | Community Investment Program Travel Grant, Edmonton Arts Council | CAD \$250 |
| 2018 | Graduate Students' Academic Travel Award, Graduate Students' Association (GSA), University of Alberta | CAD \$500 |
| 2018 | Department of Music Conference Travel Award, University of Alberta | CAD \$428 |
| Scholarships: | | |
| 2021-22 | Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), University of Alberta | CAD \$12,000 |
| 2021-22 | University of Alberta Graduate Completion Scholarship, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), University of Alberta | CAD \$10,000 |
| 2020-21 | Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), University of Alberta | CAD \$12,500 |
| 2020-21 | ARMTA Continuing Education Scholarship, Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association | CAD \$1,000 |
| 2019-20 | Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), University of Alberta | CAD \$12,500 |
| 2018-19 | Alwaez Hasan and Rashida Nazarali Scholarship in Ethnomusicology for superior academic achievement, University of Alberta | CAD \$500 |
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| 2022 | Certificate of Appreciation, Nepal Heritage Society, Edmonton, Canada (contribution to <i>Suseli</i> project – an initiative of traditional music for cultural sustainability – as a researcher, instructor, and musical mentor) | |
| 2022 | Certificate of Appreciation, Barha Ghare Cultural Family Group, Edmonton, Canada (for teaching Nepalese music to community children and youth and helping them to connect to Nepal) | |
| 2018 | Certificate of Appreciation, Nepalese Canadian Society of Edmonton (for coordinating the cultural showcase at the Nepal Pavilion at the Edmonton Heritage Festival 2018) | |

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (REFEREED)

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| 2022 | "Empowering the Disempowered: Applied Ethnomusicology, PAR, and Sustainability of Music Cultures of Minorities." Paper presented at Joint Symposium 2022 – Applied Ethnomusicology and Music and Dance in Latin America and the Caribbean – Rio de Janerio (September 19 – 24). |
| 2022 | "Engaging Community in Creating an Ethnomusicology Archive: A Digital Community Archive Project in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." Paper presented at 46th World Conference, International Council for Traditional Music, Lisbon, Portugal (July 21-27). |
| 2022 | "Traditional Music for Cultural Continuity, Sustainability and Community Well-Being: A Case Study of the Nepalese Diaspora Community in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." Paper presented at the Twelfth International Doctoral Workshop in Ethnomusicology, Center for World Music (CWM) at the University of Hildesheim and Hanover University of Music, Drama, and Media (HMTMH), Hildesheim, Germany (June 21-24). |
| 2022 | "Teaching, Learning, and Transmitting Music: A Community Collaborative Initiative for Building Cultural Resilience and Bridging Intergenerational Gap in Minority Communities." Paper presented at 2022 Annual Conference of the British Forum for Ethnomusicology, The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK (April 7-10). |
| 2022 | "Community Musicking, Teaching, and Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Two Music Centered Intervention Projects in the Nepalese Minority Immigrant Community of Edmonton." Paper presented at Graduate Colloquium "Musicking in Uncertain Times," York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, (March 25). |
| 2020 | "Music for Culture: Community Participatory Approach for Cultural Continuity and Sustainability in the Nepalese Diaspora Community of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada." Paper presented at Performing, Engaging, Knowing: Seventh Meeting of the ICTM Study Group on Applied Ethnomusicology, Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts, Lucerne, Switzerland August 26-29). |
| 2018 | "Folk-Rock' Music Scene of Kathmandu: The Issues of Transculturation and Youth Identity." Paper presented at Legacies and Prospects: The Past and Futures in Music, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montréal, Canada (May 24-26). |
| 2018 | "Ambivalence, Parody, and Mockery: Embodying the Politics of Gender in <i>Tij</i> Songs of Nepal." Paper presented at Joint Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Music and Minorities and Music and Gender, University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, Austria (July 23-30). |
| 2018 | "Folk-Rock' Music Scene of Kathmandu: The Issues of Transculturation and Youth Identity." Paper presented at NCOUNTERS Conference, Engaging Music Research and Practice, Department of Music, University of Alberta, Canada (March 16). |
| 2018 | "Folk-Rock' Music Scene of Kathmandu: The Issues of Transculturation and Youth Identity." Paper presented at $6^{\rm th}$ Biennial Yale Graduate Music Conference, Yale University, USA (March 2-3). |

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS

| 2022 | "Let's Drum Together: Introduction to a Unique Hand Drum of South Asia." Invited talk and workshop session, Music Conference Alberta, Edmonton, Canada (October 20-22). |
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| 2022 | "Academic Research." Invited talk and workshop session, Music Museum of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal (June 3-4). |
| 2021 | "Multi-cultural Music," Invited presentation, Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (ARMTA), Calgary Branch, Calgary Canada (March 10). |
| 2021 | "Hindustani Music System: An Introduction." Invited presentation, Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (ARMTA), Edmonton Branch, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (February 25). |
| 2020 | "Vedic Chant and Instrument of South Asia." Invited talk, Nepalese Language and Heritage Centre (NLCC), Winnipeg, Canada (December 19). |
| 2017 | "Music of Nepal," Music 102, Guest lecture, Introduction to World Music, University of AB, (November 1). |
| 2017 | "Madal: The most popular drum of Nepal." Invited presentation, Noon Presentation, Sound Studies Initiatives, University of Alberta (January 18). |
| 2015 | "Music of Nepal." Guest Lecture, World Music, undergraduate course, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway (September-December). |

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

University of Alberta, Department of Music (Graduate and Undergraduate Course):

| September 2022-December 2022 | Music X43, Musical and Cultural Diversity in India |
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| May 2021-August 2021 | Music X43, Gender and Indian Music |
| September 2020-December 2020 | Music X43, Religious Music Traditions of India |
| September 2019-December 2019 | Music X43, Origin and Historical Development of Indian Music |
| May 2019-August 2019 | Music X43, Music Sustainability: South Asian Music in a Modern World |
| 2017 | Music 102, Music of Nepal Music, Introduction to World Music |

University of Agder, Department of Music (Undergraduate Course):

September 2015-Decemer 2015 Music of Nepal, World Music

Tribhuvan University of Nepal, Department of Music (Undergraduate Course):

September 2006-July 2013 Folk Music of Nepal

ENSEMBLE/CHOIR DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

March 2021-Present Director, Nepalese Heritage Ensemble, Edmonton, Alberta

August 2022-Present Director, Edmonton Nepalese Canadian Youth and

Children Choir

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

March 2018-Present Director and Hindustani Voice and Harmonium Instructor,

Subash Giri's Indian Music Studio, Edmonton, Alberta

January 2017-September 2022 Hindustani Voice Instructor, Indian Music Academy,

Edmonton, Alberta

January 2017-January 2018 Traditional Music Teacher, Juneli School of Nepalese

Language and Culture, School run by the Nepalese Canadian Society of Edmonton (NECASE), Edmonton,

Alberta

January 2017-January 2019 Traditional Music Teacher, Gurukul Nepal of Edmonton,

Nepalese Heritage Language School, Edmonton, Alberta

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Editorial Board, Peer Reviewer:

March 2020- March 2021 Editorial Board Member, SEM Student News, Society for

Ethnomusicology

September 2018-September 2019 Editorial Board Member, Intonations, Graduate Student

Journal, Department of Music, University of Alberta

Conference Organization:

2019 Encounters 2019: Music, Cultures, and Identities, Graduate Student

Conference Department of Music, University of Alberta (March 9-10).

Ncounter: Engaging Music Research and Practice, Graduate Student

Conference Department of Music, University of Alberta, (March 16-18).

Fellowship/Grant Committee:

2022 Member, 21st Century Fellowship Committee, Society for Ethnomusicology

2022 Member, Society for Asian Music (SAM) Small Grant for Graduate Students

Executive Board Committee:

July 2022-Present Member, International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) EB

Committee, Student and Early Career Researchers

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2020-May 2020 Research Assistant, Stories of Change Project, Prof. Amy

Kaler, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta

April 2018-August 2019 Research Assistant, Prof. Julia Byl, Department of Music,

University of Alberta

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

October 2016-July 2022 Administrative Assistant, Canadian Centre for

Ethnomusicology (CCE), University of Alberta

VOLUNTEER SERVCES

University of Alberta, Department of Music Service:

November 2020-November 2021 Part-Time Instructors' Reps to Department Council

Graduate Student Associations, University of Alberta Services:

October 2017-October 2019 VP Academics, Graduate Music Student Association

(GMSA)

October 2018-October 2019 Music Reps Student Council, Graduate Student Association

(GSA)

September 2017-September 2018 VP Social Events, Nepalese Scholars Association (NESA)

September 2017-September 2018 Treasurer, Alberta Registered Music Teachers'

Association (ARMTA) U of A Collegiate Chapter

December 19-21, 2017 Exam Greeter, Student Accessibility Service, Office of

Alumni Relations, University of Alberta

August 28, 2017 Building Greeter, East Campus, Residence Services,

University of Alberta

Professional Services:

June 2018-June 2020 Vice President, Alberta Registered Music Teachers'

Association (ARMTA), Edmonton Branch, Edmonton, AB,

Canada

Community Services:

January 2017-January 2018 Music Coordinator, Nepalese Canadian Society of

Edmonton

May 1-August 6, 2018 Culture coordinator, Edmonton Heritage Festival 2018

October 14, 2017 Program Director, Kids Talent Show, Organized by the

Nepalese Community of Edmonton, Alberta

SELECTED LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

July 29-31, 2021 World Music Week, Edmonton Heritage Festival 2021,

Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park, Edmonton,

Alberta, Canada

December 7, 2019 Naad: A Musical Sound, University of Alberta, Convocation

Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Sep 14, 2019 Mysterious Barricades, A Cross-Canada Concert for

Suicide, Awareness, Prevention, and Hope, University of

Alberta Con Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

September 14-15, 2019 Kaleido Festival, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

October 3, 2018 Nepalese Duo, Rise Award Gala, Edmonton Mennonite

Centre for Newcomers, Edmonton Expo Centre, Alberta

Ballroom, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

July 29, 2018 Summer Sensation, Indian Music Academy Riverdale Hall,

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

February 26, 2018 Performance and Instrument Demonstration, Winspear

Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

February 11, 2018 Building Bridges, Edmonton Interfaith Group, Orange

Hub, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

January 31, 2018 Transcending Boundaries: Edmonton Transcultural

Orchestra, International Music Week Concert, Convocation Hall, University of Alberta, Canada

December 9, 2017 Raag Rang: Colors of Ragas, Indian Music Ensemble – IME,

Convocation Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton,

Alberta, Canada

October 4, 2017 Rise Award Gala, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for

Newcomers, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

September 30, 2017 World Music Festival, University of Alberta, Convocation

Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

February 2, 2017 Music for The Better World, International Music Week

Concert, Convocation Hall, University of Alberta,

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

April 8, 2017 Saptak, Indian Music Ensemble, University of Alberta,

Convocation Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

March 7, 2017 YONA Sistema Charity Recital, Music Student Association

(MSA), University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

November 26, 2016 MENAME - Middle Eastern and North African Ensemble,

University of Alberta, Convocation Hall, Edmonton,

Alberta, Canada

December 2013 FK's 50 years Anniversary Concert, Folkethetearetet in

Oslo, Norway

May 2014 Jazz Fusion Concert Kristiansand, Norway

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Nepal and South Asian Diaspora (Canada)

PROFICIENT LANGUAGE

English, Nepalese, and Hindi

RELEVANT COURSES TAKEN IN MUSIC

Advance Studies in Music and Society, Advance Studies in Music and Identity, Proseminar in Music theory, Middle Eastern and African Ensemble, Advance Studies in Music and Gender, Issues in Ethnomusicology, Field Methods in Ethnomusicology, Musicological Theory and Methods, Music Business, New Technologies, Hindustani Classical Music

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Music of South Asia; Music of South Asian Diaspora; music and minority; music, human rights, and social justice; music sustainability; music and community well-being; community-based and collaborative research; applied ethnomusicology; Participatory ethnomusicology; music and diasporic identity; and Music business, music industry, and copyright

MUSICAL TRAININGS

July 2020 – Present Newari percussion instruments (Khin and Dhime) of Kathmandu

valley training from renowned percussionist Babu Raja

Maharjan, on Zoom.

| August 2000 – July 2006 | Hindustani Classical Voice training from Maestro Prabhu Raj Dhakal, Kathmandu, Nepal |
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| August 2006 – July 2010 | Hindustani Classical Voice training from Maestro Sangita Pradhan, Kathmandu, Nepal |
| August 2006 – July 2010 | Classical Tabla and Nepalese Hand Drum (Madal) training from Maestro Achyut Ram Bhandari, Kathmandu, Nepal |
| August 2005 – July 2007 | Classical Guitar (Staff Notation) training from Phiroz Syngden (lead guitarist 1974 A.D. band) and Subash Mukhiya (renowned guitar instructor). Kathmandu, Nepal |

guitar instructor), Kathmandu, Nepal

2010 – Present Keyboard self-learning

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (CURRENT)

Society for Ethnomusicology (SEM)

International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM)

Society for Asian Music (SAM)

Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association (CFMTA), Canada

Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association (ARMTA), Edmonton, Canada

REFERENCE

Dr. Michael Frishkopf (Supervisor)

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Professor of Music, Department of Music Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta 3-82 Fine Arts Building, Edmonton, AB, T6G 2C9

Dr. Margaret Sarkissian msarkiss@smith.edu

Professor of Music and Chair, Department of Music Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063

Dr. Catherine Grant

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