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EDUCATION

- 2010, August (Expected) PhD, Sociology, University of Georgia
Dissertation: “Social Movement and Identity: Inventing the Discourse of Civil Society in Nepal’s People Movement II” (Committee: David Smilde, Patricia Richards, Jim Dowd and Linda Grant)
- Comprehensive Exam: Culture and Social Psychology (Fall 2007)
- Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research, College of Education, University of Georgia
- 2006 MA, Sociology, University of Georgia
Thesis: Stagnation and the Growth of the Rajneesh Movement in Nepal: The New Paradigm in a Non-Western Context
- 1999 MA (undergraduate), Sociology, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

PUBLICATIONS

Basnet, Chudamani. “Defection, Localization and the Growth of the Rajneesh Movement in Nepal.” Manuscript submitted to *Studies in Nepali History and Society*.

Basnet, Chudamani. 2008. “Book Review: *Nepal Contemporary Political Situation – V: Opinion Poll Report* by Sudhindra Sharma and Pawan K Sen.” Kathmandu: IDA in *Studies in Nepali History and Society* 13 (1): 221-229.

Basnet, Chudamani. 2008. "Book Review: *Contentious Politics and Democratization in Nepal* by Mahendra Lawoti." New Delhi: Sage Publications in *Studies in Nepali History and Society* 12 (2): 391-395.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Graduate school Dean's Award for dissertation research, University of Georgia
- 2008 One of the eleven nationally selected dissertation proposals for Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Dissertation Workshop, Atlanta, Georgia (April 6-9)
- 2006-7 B.O. Williams Award for Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student University of Georgia.
- 2004-2006 University-wide Graduate School Assistantship University of Georgia
- 1999 Bina Sharma Outstanding M.A. Student Award Tribhuvan University, Nepal

PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 "*Citizen and Civil Society Discourse in People's Movement II*" Presented at Martin Chautari, Kathmandu (August 3)
- 2008 "*Researching Social Movements: The Case of Nepal's April Movement.*" Presented at Martin Chautari, Kathmandu (July 14)
- 2008 "*Nepal's April Movement: Structure, Culture, and Agency in Social Movement Participation.*" Presented at the Association for Asian Studies Dissertation Workshop, Atlanta, Georgia (April 6-9)
- 2007 "*What's In a Word: Structure, Culture, and Agency in Nepal's April Uprising.*" Presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power, and History, University of Georgia at Athens (September 14)
- 2006 "*Stagnation and the Growth of the Rajneesh Movement in Nepal: Culture and the New Paradigm in the Sociology of Religion.*" Presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power, and History, University of Georgia at Athens. January 27, 2006
- 2005 "*The Rajneesh Movement in Nepal: Charismatic Leadership and the Growth of the Movement in a Developing Country.*" Presented at the

Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia. August 15, 2005

EXPERIENCE

2006-2008 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Gender and Work, Gender, and Qualitative Research Method

Responsibilities: Exam preparations, grading, advising, and guest lectures.

1999 – 2003 Sociologist, Government of Nepal, Ministry of Physical Planning and Works, Department of Water Supply and Sewerage

2009- Reviewer: *Studies in Nepali History and Society*