

# Sweta Baniya

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## Academic Appointments

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- 2025-present** Associate Professor of Rhetoric, Professional and Technical Writing, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Affiliate Faculty, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- 2020-2025** Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Professional and Technical Writing, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Affiliate Faculty, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- 2016-2020** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English  
Graduate Research Assistant, Polytechnic Institute  
Purdue University

## Education

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**Ph.D. Rhetoric and Composition, May 2020**  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

**M.A. Philosophy, May 2014**  
Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

**M.A. English, May 2012**  
Pokhara University, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Programs of Research

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Disaster Policy and Crisis Communication; Human-Centered Approaches to Technology; Infrastructure Resilience, Community Engaged Research, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

## Books and Publications

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**Baniya, S.** (2024). *Transnational Assemblages: Social Justice & Communication in Disaster Management*. NCTE Studies in Writing and Rhetoric Book Series. Open Access via WAC Clearing House. **2026 CCCCs Advancement of Knowledge Award- Honorable Mention**  
Book Reviews: *Peitho*; *Communication Design Quarterly*

Walzer, B., Mais T. Al-Khateeb, M T., Nish, J, **Baniya, S.** (2026). *(Re)Mobilizing Solidarity in/and Transnational Feminist Rhetorics*. Edited Collection. Penn State University Press.

**Baniya, S.** (Fall 2027). *Rhetorics of Disaster: Transnational Feminist Actions and Approaches to COVID-19*. Book under Contract: Ohio State University Press.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

### Forthcoming

Webb, M., **Baniya, S.**, et al., (2027). *Reimagining Information Architecture: Community-Centered and Collaborative Digital Infrastructure in Refugee Service Ecosystems*. *Computers and Composition*. **Publication with students**

**Baniya, S.**, Sherpa, M., & Rimal, J., (2027). Localizing Humanitarian Action through Women's Leadership: A Case Study of Nepal's Humanitarian Partnership Platform. *Oxford Disaster Dynamics*. **Publication with a student and a community partner.**

**Baniya, S.**, Webb, M., Scott, L., Williams, C., & East, A., (2027). Enacting Digital Justice in Partnership with Displaced Refugee and Immigrant Communities. In Powell, K, et.al., (Eds) *Critical Displacement Studies Reader*. Virginia Tech Publishing. **Publication with students and a community partner.**

**Baniya, S.**, Narrative Inquiry & Social Network Analysis (2027). In Feigenbaum, A., & Demirkol-Tonnesen, O. (Eds). *Social Media Methods Workbook*. Routledge.

### Special Issue

Tham, J., & **Baniya, S.**, (2026). Looking Back, Writing Forward: Reflections and Revisitations in Technical Communication, Rhetoric, and Writing Across the Curriculum. Special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of Xchanges journal

### Published

Wagnon, M, and **Baniya, S.**, (2026). Protesting Locally, Impacting Globally: Rhetorical Narratives of Mountain Valley Pipeline Activists. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, 35(2), 190–206. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10572252.2024.2441122>. **Publication with a student**

Webb, M., Baniya, S., Smith, A., Rasberry, N., & Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. (2026). US Hospital Educators' Technology Needs: A Qualitative Study for Developing Action-Oriented Technology. *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TPC.2026.3658847> **Publication with students**

**Baniya, S.**, Powell, K., Salem, A., Webb, M., & Scott, L. (2025). Incorporating Community Knowledge in Design: A Reflective Account of Designing Technology with Justice. In J. Tham & J. Zhang (Eds). *Designing for Social Justice: Community-engaged Approaches to Technical and Professional Communication*. *Routledge ATTW Book Series* (Invited) **Publication with students and a community partner**

Webb, M., Singh, H., Inman, R., **Baniya, S.**, & Katz, A. (2025). Advancing qualitative analysis in professional disaster and risk communication: A comparative study of an OpenAI ChatGPT

3.5 model-enabled method for processing complex public discourse. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 130, 105835. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2025.105835>  
**Publication with students**

**Baniya, S.**, (2025). Intersectional Disaster Response in the Globalized World Via Equitable Crisis Communication. *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*, 39(3), 302-337.  
<https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/10.1177/10506519251326565>

**Baniya, S.**, (2025). Transnational Crisis Communication and Ethics. In D. Ross (Eds), *Routledge Handbook of Ethics in Technical and Professional Communication*. Routledge. Pg. 347-356

**Baniya, S.**, & Pokharel, B. (2025). Humanitarianism & Volunteerism. In L. Juran & B. K, Paul (Eds). *The Routledge Handbook of Disaster Response and Recovery*.

**Baniya, S.**, (2025) Social Media as an Avenue for Social Change in TPC. In N. Jones, A. Haas, L. Gonzales, M. Williams (Eds). *Routledge Handbook on Technical & Professional Communication*.

Al-Khateeb, M. T., **Baniya, S.**, Dingo, R., & Nish, J. (2025). Transnational Feminist Rhetorical Solidarities in the Viral Circulations of the LasTesis and Jina Movements. In J. Rhodes, J & S.N. Cooley (Eds). *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Feminist Rhetoric*. Routledge. Pg. 7-17.

Walwema, J., Edwards, J., Sano-Franchini, J., Baniya, S., &. (2025). Social Justice and Intercultural Issues in Service Learning. *Programmatic Perspective*. 16(1).

Chen, J., Pandey, S., & **Baniya, S.**, (2025). Navigating Immigration as an Alien: Discursive Interface Analysis of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services. *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*.

Walzer, B., Garban, T.S., Nish, J., & Baniya, S. (2025). Transdisciplinary Contiguities and Disjunctures: The Present and Future of Transnational Feminist Rhetorics. *Peitho*, 27(3), 105-113.

**Baniya, S.**, & Potts, L. (2024). Role of Translation in Disaster Response. *Journal of Technical Communication and Social Justice*, 2 (1). Special Issue on Social Justice and Translation in Technical Communication.

**Baniya, S.**, (2024) #RageAgainstRape: Nepali Women's Assemblage and Networked Performances Against Rape. In Lisa Phillips, Sarah Warren-Riley, and Julie Bates (Eds.), *Grassroots Activisms: Public Rhetorics in Localized Contexts*. Ohio State University Press. Pg. 172-188

**Baniya, S.** (2024). Community Engagement. In J. Tham (Ed.), *Keywords in Design Thinking: A Primer for Makers, Designers, & Technical Communicators*. Parlor Press.

- Baniya, S.**, (2022). Rethinking Access: Recognizing Privileges and Positionalities in Building Community Literacy. *Community Literacy Journal*, 17(1), 49-64.
- Baniya, S.** (2022). Transnational Assemblages in Disaster Response: Networked Communities, Technologies, and Coalitional Actions During Global Disasters. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, 31(4), 326–342.
- Baniya, S.**, (2022). How Can Technical Communicators Help in Disaster Response? *Technical Communications*, 69 (2).
- Baniya, S.**, Edwards, J., Sano-Franchini, J., & Walwema, J. (2022). Revisiting SL in TPC Through Social Justice and Intercultural Frameworks: Findings From Survey Research. *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*, 65(3), 353–369.
- Baniya, S.**, Brien, A., Call, K., Kumar, R., (2022) Covid, International Partnerships, and the Possibility of Equity: Enhancing Digital Literacy in Rural Nepal amid a Pandemic. *Reflections*, 21 (1). **Publication with students and a community partner.**
- Baniya, S.**, Brein, A., & Call, K. (2021). International Service Learning in Technical Communication during a Global Pandemic. *Programmatic Perspectives*, 12(2), 26–58. **Publication with students.**
- Baniya, S.**, (2021). The Implication of Transnational Activism and Disaster Response for Global Social Justice. *Spark: A 4C4Equality Journal*.
- Baniya, S.**, & Chen, C. (2021). Experiencing a Global Pandemic: The Power of Public Storytelling as Counternarrative in Crisis Communication. *Technical Communication* (pp. 74-87).
- Baniya, S.**, & Potts, L., (2021). Valuing Expertise During the Pandemic. *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*, 35(1) 28-34.
- Sherman, D., Mentzer, N., **Baniya, S.**, Bartholomew, S., & Laux, D. (2021). Across the Disciplines: Our Gained Knowledge in Assessing a First-Year Integrated Experience. *International Journal of Technology and Design Education*.
- Baniya, S.**, Doan, S., Kumari, A., Johnson, G. P., & Schwarz, V. M. (2021). Coalitional literacies of digital safety and solidarity: A white paper on nextGEN international listserv. *Computers and Composition*, 62.
- Baniya, S.** (2020). Managing Environmental Risks: Rhetorical Agency and Ecological Literacies of Women During the Nepal Earthquake. *Enculturation*, 32.
- Baniya, S.** (2020). Rhetorical Comparison of Hindu God Krishna and Plato: An Exploration of Non-Western Hindu Rhetoric. In K. Lloyd. (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion of Comparative and World Rhetorics*, pp. 164-172. Routledge.

Bartholomew, S.R., Mentzer, N, Jones, M., Sherman, D., & **Baniya, S.**, (2020) Learning by Evaluating (LbE) through Adaptive Comparative Judgment. *International Journal of Technology and Design Education*.

Parupudi, T., Sherman, D., Mentzer, N., Chesley, A., **Baniya, S.**, & Laux, D. (2020) Oral Communication in an Integrated STEM and Humanities First-Year Experience. *Journal of Technology Education*, 32 (1), 50-64.

Kumari, A., **Baniya, S.**, & Larson, K. (2020). The Necessity of Genre Disruption in Organizing an Advocacy Space for and by Graduate Students. *Xchanges*, 15 (1), 1-8.

**Baniya, S.**, Chesley, A., Mentzer, N., Bartholomew, S., Moon, C., & Sherman, D. (2019). Using Adaptive Comparative Judgment in Writing Assessment: An Investigation of Reliability Among Interdisciplinary Evaluators. *Journal of Technological Studies*, 45 (2), 24-45.

**Baniya S.**, & Weech, S. (2019). Data and Experience Design: Negotiating Community-Oriented Digital Research with Service-Learning. *Purdue Journal of Service-Learning and International Engagement*, 6, 11–16. <https://doi.org/10.5703/1288284316979>

**Baniya, S.**; Diab, K; Hendrickson, B; Grayson, M.L; Holly, H; Kumari, A; Larson, K; Messina, C.M; Paul, G; Ruiz, I. (2019) "Where we Are: Dialogue and Disciplinary Space." *Composition Studies*, 47 (2): 203–210.

**Baniya, S.** (2015). Performance of Rituals in Shaping Nepalese Woman's Sexuality. Discourses on Folklore Kathmandu International Folklore Congress. Nepali Folklore Society, Kathmandu, Nepal.

## Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

Jones, D., Trice, M., Potts, L., & **Baniya, S.** (2023). Methodologies for When the Platform is on Fire. Proceedings of the 41st ACM International Conference on Design of Communication, 246–247.

**Baniya, S.**, & Potts, L. Experts, Knowledge Making, and Disaster Across Twitter 2022. SIGDOC '22: Proceedings of the 40th ACM International Conference on Design of Communication.

Smith, A., Ranade, N., **Baniya, S.**, Local users, global takeaways: Methodological considerations for audience advocacy in communication design research. Proceedings of SIGDOC Conference 2021.

**Baniya, S.**, Hutchinson, L, Kumari, A, Larson, K, Lindgren, C. (2019). Representing Diversity in Digital Research: Digital Feminist Ethics and Resisting Dominant Normatives. Computers and Writing 2018 Conference Proceedings.

**Baniya, S.** (2019). Comparative Study of Networked Communities, Crisis Communication, and Technology: Rhetoric of Disaster in Nepal Earthquake and Hurricane Maria. In proceedings of SIGDOC Conference, Portland, OR Sigdoc 2019.

**Baniya, S.,** Mentzer, N., Sherman, D., Laux, D., Farrington, S., Holtan, A., Eden, C., & Zhang, L. Creating Interdisciplinary Collaborative Teaching/learning Praxis with Design Thinking, Communication, and Composition. In proceedings of SIGDOC Conference, Portland, OR.

Chesley, A., Parupudi, T., **Baniya, S.,** Farrington, S., Holtan, A., Eden, C., Laux, D., & Mentzer, N. (2018) Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, Integrated Curriculum, and Professional Development. In ASEE IL/IN Regional Conference Proceedings. 10.5703/1288284316848.

## Honors and Awards

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### National

- 2026 Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference 2026. Keynote Speaker.
- 2026 Conference on College Composition and Communication, Advancement of Knowledge Award- Honorable Mention
- 2025 Rhetoric Society of America's Fellow's Early Career Scholars Award
- 2022 Coalition of Community Writing 2021 Emerging Scholars Award
- 2022 Silvius-Wolansky Outstanding Publication Award, awarded by the Council on Technology and Engineering Teacher Education for Best Paper.
- 2021 Conference on College Composition and Communication, Honorable Mention, Outstanding Dissertation Award in Technical Communication
- 2020 Conference on College Composition and Communication Chairs' Memorial Scholarship
- 2019 Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication Diversity Scholarship Award
- 2019 Computers and Writing Conference 2019 Kairos Service Award for Graduate Students and Adjuncts
- 2019 Conference on College Composition and Communication Scholars for Dreams Award
- 2019 Special Interest Group for the Design of Communication Conference Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2019 Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference Amplification Award
- 2018 Computers and Writing Conference Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2017 Nan Johnson Outstanding Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2010 Purbanchal University Dhurba Narayan Lal Gold Medal Award

### Virginia Tech

- 2023 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech University, Excellence in Outreach and International Initiatives Award.

### Purdue University

- 2019 Department of English Best of the Graduate Pedagogy Showcase Award
- 2018 College of Liberal Arts, Kneale Award for Best Rhetoric and Composition Paper

# Grants and Fellowships

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## External Grant

- 2024 United States Agency for International Development (India), "Higher Education Partnership for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (HEP-DRI)." 2024. Role: Co-PI. (\$5,000,000).
- 2022 American Council of Learned Societies Digital Justice Seed Grant, "Towards Digital Justice: Developing US Citizenship Application & Website with Refugees & Immigrant." 2022. Role: PI. (\$24,888).
- 2022 Conference on College Composition and Communication Research Initiative Grant, "White Supremacy of Academic Scholarship: A Data Analysis of Composition/Rhetoric Top Journals and the Denial of Equity." 2022. Role: PI. (\$2,500).
- 2020 Special Interest Group on Design of Communication Research Grant, "Exploring Risk and Crisis Communication Practices of Transnational Feminists in Ensuring Equity and Justice During COVID-19." 2020. Role: PI. (\$1,200).
- 2020 Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication Research Grant, "Service Learning in Technical and Professional Communication through Social Justice and Intercultural Frameworks: A Multisite Study." 2020. Role: PI. (\$2,000).

## Internal Grants

- 2024 ICAT SEAD Grants, "Designing technology to support hospital education." 2024. Role: Co-PI (\$40,000).
- 2023 4-VA Grant @ Virginia Tech, "Collating Refugee Resources and Initiatives at Virginia Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening Virginia's Ability to Provide Migration Support and Improve Refugee Population Outcomes." 2023. Role: PI. (\$30,000).
- 2022 4VA Collaborative Research Grant @ George Mason, "Data Analytics: Investigating Data Analytics as a Pedagogical Practice for the Humanities." 2022. Role: Co-PI. (\$19,570).
- 2022 4-VA Grant @ James Madison University, "Collating Refugee Resources and Initiatives at Virginia Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening Virginia's Ability to Provide Migration Support and Improve Refugee Population Outcomes." 2022. Role: Co-PI. (\$25000).
- 2022 Center for Coastal Studies Research Grant for the COVID-19 & Climate Change, "Mapping the effects of compounding Crisis in the Coastal Zone." 2022. Role: PI. (\$15,000).
- 2022 Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, "Project-Based Learning." 2022 Role: Co PI. (\$2000).

- 2021 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Niles Grant for summer research, 2021. Role: PI. (Total \$6,000).
- 2021 Center for Communicating Sciences, Science Arts Collaboration Grant, 2021. Role: PI. (\$3,750).
- 2021 Center for Coastal Studies, "Creating an Inventory of Interdisciplinary Research in Virginia's Coastal Zone." 2021. Role: Co-PI. (\$14,598).
- 2021 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Faculty Undergraduate Research Fund Grant, "Rethinking Service Learning During Pandemic." 2020 & 2021. Role: PI. (\$4,000).
- 2020 College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, International Initiative Grants, "How women across the world are coping, managing, and resisting COVID-19." 2020. Role: PI. (\$750).
- 2020 Office of the Provost, Faculty Mentoring Grant for Book Workshop, 2020. Role: PI. (\$1,500).

## National Fellowships

- 2019 Centro for Puerto Rican Studies, Centro Summer Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2019 Conference on College Composition and Communication Studies in Writing and Rhetoric Series; Studies in Writing and Rhetoric, Editorial Fellowship.
- 2019 Association of Technical Communications Conference; Research Methods Workshop Participation Fellowship.
- 2014 United States Department of State Study of the US Institutes: Contemporary American Literature. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

## Selected Conference Activity

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- "Designing with Digital Justice: Developing a US Citizenship Application & Website with Refugees & Immigrants." Human Computer Interaction Conference. Gothenburg, Sweden. June 2025.
- "Urgency, Kairos, and the Climate Turn." Rhetoric Society of America Conference. Denver, CO. May 2024.
- "Expanding Writing Abundance in Partnership with the Community." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Conference. Spokane, WA. April 2024.
- "Community Writing Mentorship Workshop." Conference on College Composition and Communication Conference. Spokane, WA. April 2024.
- "Qualitative Research Network." Conference on College Composition and Communication Conference. Spokane, WA. April 2024. (Facilitator).

- "Intergenerational Feminist Conversations." Conference on College Composition and Communication Conference. Spokane, WA. April 2024. (CFSHRC Wednesday Night Event).
- "Towards Digital Justice: Developing US Citizenship Application & Website with Refugees & Immigrants." Coalition of Community Writing Conference. Denver, CO. Oct. 2023.
- "Mapping Methodologies When the Platform is on Fire." Special Interest Group on Design of Communication Conference. Orlando, FL. Oct. 2023.
- "(Re)Mobilizing Solidarity in/and Transnational Feminist Rhetorics." Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference. Atlanta, GA. Sept. 2023.
- "Transnational Feminism in multiple contexts and countries in the Global South." Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference. Atlanta, GA. Sept. 2023.
- "Transnational Asian American Feminists After Hope: Doing Anger, Rage, Dissent, and Despair." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, IL. Feb. 2023.
- "Transnational Feminist Rhetorical Approaches as Strategic Thinking." Rhetoric Society of Europe Conference. Tübingen, Germany. June 2023.
- "Experts, Knowledge Making, and Disaster Across Twitter." Special Interest Group on Design of Communication Conference. Boston, MA. Oct. 2022.
- "Collaborative Strategies for Collective Action." Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference. Online. June 2022.
- "Tweet like the wind, friends!: Building a Theory and Praxis of Conference Live-Tweeting." Computers and Composition Conference, Greenville, NC. June 2022.
- "Super Session: Futures of Transnational Feminist Rhetorical Research and Practices." Rhetoric Society of America Conference. Baltimore, MD. May 2022.
- "Of Transnational Resistance: How Do Marginalized and Colonized Communities Resist the Consequences of Environmental Disaster?" Rhetoric Society of America Conference. Baltimore, MD. (National Consortium on Environmental Rhetoric and Writing Standing Panel). May 2022.
- "Rhetorics of Dis/Connect: What Does It Mean to Take Charge for Change in Non-Western Publics?" Rhetoric Society of America Conference. Baltimore, MD. May 2022.
- "Building Brave Spaces by Centering a Coalition of Feminist Leadership: Responding to Trauma through Diverse, Inclusive, and Equitable Feminist Practices." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, IL. March 2022. (Invited for workshop).
- "The White Supremacy of Academic Scholarship: A Data Analysis of Composition/Rhetoric Top Journals and the Denial of Equity." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, IL. March 2022.
- "Thinking Like an Aspen: Enhancing Resiliency Through Transnational Coalitions." In Communicating Science Week. Virginia Tech. 2022.
- "An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Social Science Research in Virginia's Coastal Zone." Hwards Day Featured Speaking. Virginia Tech. Organized by the Center for Coastal Studies. 2022.
- "Exploring Risk and Crisis Communication Practices of Transnational Feminists in Ensuring Social Justice During/Post COVID-19." Special Interest Group on Design of Communication Conference. Online. Oct. 2021.
- "Local users, global takeaways: Methodological considerations for audience advocacy in communication design research." Special Interest Group on Design of Communication Conference. Online. (Panel with Allegra Smith and Nupoor Ranade). Oct. 2021.

"Empowering Rural Nepali Community via Digital Literacy: Rethinking Access and Social Justice in the Pandemic." CCW Conference. Online. (Panel with Kylie Call, Ashley Brien, and Ravi Kumar). 2021.

"Best Practices for Teaching and Research about Environmental and Disaster Rhetorics: An Engaged Learning Experience." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Online. March 2021.

"Community Writing Mentorship Workshop." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Online. March 2021. (The event was canceled).

"The Role of Academic Publishing Today: Studies in Writing and Rhetoric." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Online. March 2021.

"Using Transnational Risk Communication Methods: Language, Power, and Access During Disasters." Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference. Milwaukee, WI. June 2020.

## Teaching Experience

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### At Virginia Tech

- ENGL 6334: Graduate Seminar: Rhetoric in Society
- ENGL 4874: Senior Seminar: Issues in Professional and Public Discourse Disasters & Crisis Communication
- ENGL 3834: Intercultural Issues in Professional Writing
- ENGL 2844: Introduction to Professional and Technical Writing with Risk Communication
- ENGL 3841: Creating User Documentation with Service Learning
- ENGL 3844: Writing in Digital Media

### At Purdue University

- ENGL 505: Graduate Seminar: Teaching First-Year Composition
- ENGL 420: Business Writing with Local and International Service Learning
- ENG 420: Business Writing Online
- ENGL 101: First Year Composition

### Graduate Dissertation Committee

- Megan Bronson, Dissertation Committee Chair
- Sahajiya Nath, Dissertation Committee Chair
- Julia Unger, Dissertation Committee Member
- Temitope Ojedele, Dissertation Committee Member
- Priyanka Ganguly, Dissertation Committee Member, Graduated
- Cara Patrick, MA Thesis Committee, Religion & Culture, Graduated
- Margaret Fernandez, Dissertation Committee Member, Graduated
- Fai Inthajak, Dissertation Committee Member, Graduated
- Cameron Baller, MA thesis Committee Member, Sociology (Virginia Tech), Graduated
- Jianfen Chen, Dissertation Committee Member (Purdue University), Graduated

# Invited Workshops, Lectures (National and International)

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## At Virginia Tech

- "Keynote Speech." Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Conference. 2026. University of Texas At El Paso.
- Qualitative Methods Workshop: Discourse Analysis. 2026. Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Writing a Research Proposal Workshop. 2026. Patan Campus, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- "Book Talk." University of Texas at El Paso. 2025
- "Book Talk." Dean's Virtual Speaker Series: Resilience Reimagined. Embry-Riddle Worldwide | College of Arts & Sciences. 2024.
- "Book Talk." Institute of Modern Languages, University of Zielona Góra, Poland. Online. 2024.
- "Book Talk." Department of Media and Communication, Bournemouth University, Poole, England. 2023.
- Invited Speaker. "Writing in the U.S. University." University of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal. 2023.
- "Book Talk." Part of the English Discipline Research Seminar Series, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia. 2023.
- "Book Talk." Digital Storytelling Lab, University of New England, Sydney, Australia. 2023.
- "Book Talk." University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. 2023.
- Speaker at Art for Environmental Justice, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. 2023.
- "Book Talk." Gender Studies Department, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. 2022.
- Invited Speaker. "Writing a Research Article," Nepali Academics in America. 2024.
- Invited Speaker. Virginia Tech Center for Humanities' conversation with Dr. Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. Virginia Tech APIDA Caucus' InspireAsian Series, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. "Critical and Transformative Practices in Educational Leadership," Kathmandu University School of Education, Kathmandu, Nepal. 2021.
- "Book Talk," Promise Scholar Series, Kent University, Kent, OH. Online. 2021.
- "Book Talk," Society of Technical Communication Rochester's Spectrum Conference Leadership Day, Rochester, NY. March 2021.
- "Book Talk," Risk and Health Communication in and beyond Asia, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. "Professionalizing Graduate Students," Professional Writing Pedagogy Workshop Series, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. Nepali Academics in America Webinar Series. Online. 2021.
- Organizer and Invited Speaker. "South Asian Experiences and Reflections on Mentoring." 2021.
- Moderator and Organizer. Nepali Academics in America Webinar Series. Online. 2021.
- Facilitator. Coalition of Community Writers' Academic Job Market Workshop. Hosted by Coalition of Community Writers. Online. 2020 and 2021.

- Facilitator. Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication Diversity Committee's pre-conference Zoom session on "Mentoring Sessions for International Students of Color in Technical Communication." Online. 2020.
- "Book Talk," Room 42's seminar on the role of women in technical communication for a non-academic audience, Single-Sourcing Solutions INC. Online. 2020.
- Invited Speaker. Research Talk, Virginia Tech Center for Humanities' conversation with Dr. Sylvester Johnson. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. APIDA Caucus' InspireAsian Series, "Managing Environmental Risks in the Age of Climate Change: Rhetorical Agency and Ecological Literacies of Transnational Women During the April 2015 Nepal Earthquake," Virginia Tech. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. "Science on Tap Series," Center for Communicating Science. Asian and Pacific Islander in Research & Academia. 2021.
- Invited Speaker. "Humans and Nature: A Roundtable Discussion on Environmental Justice, Ecofeminisms, and Political Ecologies." Organized by the United Feminist Movement. 2021.

### **Prior to Virginia Tech**

- Workshop Leader, Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop. Apex College. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2019.
- Workshop Leader, Professional Portfolio Workshop. King's College. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2019.
- Workshop Leader, Intercultural Communication Workshop. King's College. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2019.
- Workshop Leader, Teachers Training on Service Learning /Community Engagement. King's College. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2019.
- Workshop Leader, Writing Thesis Proposal Workshop. IACER. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2019.
- Workshop Leader, Academic Writing Workshop. King's College. Kathmandu, Nepal. 2018.

## **Selected Service**

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### **National**

- Grant Reviewer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Minority University Research and Education Project & Aeronautics Community & Environmental Impact Research
- Member at large, Association for Teachers of Technical Writing
- Chair, NCTE College Nominations Committee
- Advisory Board Member, Coalition for Community Writing
- Secretary, Coalition for Community Writing
- Digital Media & Outreach Director, Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric
- Alternative Interactions Planning Committee, Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric
- Reviewer, Routledge Archaeology | Museum and Heritage Series
- Reviewer, Johns Hopkins Book Series in Health Communication
- Reviewer, Studies in Rhetoric and Writing Book Series

- Reviewer of Journal of Business and Technical Communication
- Reviewer of Technical Communication and Social Justice
- Reviewer of Journal Argumentation & Advocacy
- Reviewer of Journal Rhetoric Society of America
- Reviewer of Journal Technical Communications Quarterly
- Reviewer of Journal Technical Communications
- Reviewer of Grant, Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication
- Reviewer of Journal International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction
- 2024-2025 CCCCs Teaching Circle Facilitator
- 2024 CCCCs Technical Communication Dissertation Award Committee
- 2024 ATTW Awards Committee Chair
- 2023 ATTW Graduate Research Award Committee
- 2022 CCCCs Scholar of Dreams Awards Committee
- 2022 ATTW Amplification Awards Committee
- Member, CCCC Wikipedia Initiative Committee
- 2021 CCCCs Technical Communications Dissertation Award Committee
- 2021 CCW Book Award Committee

## University

- Student Mentor for Center for Refugee, Displacement & Migrants Studies, Virginia Tech
- Community of Practices, Virginia Tech
- Mozaiko LLC Faculty Language Fellow (FLF)
- APIDA Caucus Member
- VT Climate Action Living Laboratory
- Climate Justice Sub-Committee
- Nepali Students Association, Faculty Mentor
- Search Committee Member, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Global Program Communications Manager.

## College/Department

- Chair Review Committee 2025.
- Feminisms for Everybody Conference Organizing Committee Member, Women and Gender Studies, 2024/ 2025.
- Faculty Undergraduate Research Fund Application Reviewer, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, 2022.
- Search Committee Member, Center for Refugee, Displacement, and Migrant Studies Research Assistant Professor, 2022.
- Asian American Minor Committee Member, Transdisciplinary Academy, 2021.
- Displacement Studies Faculty Workgroup, 2022.
- Executive Committee Member, 2021-2023.
- Undergraduate Committee Member, 2023-Present.
- Organizing Committee Member and Professional and Technical Writing Judge for Best Presentation, Department of English Undergraduate Conference, 2023 & 2024.
- Chair Selection Committee Member (Appointed by the Dean), 2023.

- Classical Rhetoric Syllabus Revision Committee Member, Department of English, 2021.
- Reviewer, Carolyn Rude Research Award, 2021.
- Reviewer, Professional and Technical Writing Awards Committee, 2021.
- PhD Committee Member, 2020-2022.
- PhD Applications Review Committee, 2021.
- Search Committee Member, Communications Coordinator, 2022.
- Faculty Representative, English Department Recruitment Event, 2021-2022.

## Editorial Experience

- *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*, Editorial Board Member (2025-)
- *Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture*, Editorial Board Member (2025-)
- National Council of Teachers of English *Studies in Writing and Rhetoric Book Series* Editorial Board (2020-2023)
- *Young Writers in Rhetoric and Writing*, Editorial Board Member (2019-2023)
- *Purdue Journal of Service Learning*, Board Member and the editorial team (2019-2020)

## Software Development

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As part of a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, I developed a mobile application to assist immigrants in accessing information about citizenship:

- Mobile Application: 100 USCIS Civics Questions: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/100-uscis-civics-questions/id6478173322>
- Website Development: USCIS Preparation Support Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/us-citizenship-resources/home?authuser=2> Computational

## Memberships

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ACM: Association for Computing Machinery

ATTW: Association for Teachers of Technical Writing

CCCC: College Conference on Composition and Communication

CFSHRC: Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition

NCTE: National Council of Teachers of English

Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC)

RSA: Rhetoric Society of America

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