

Project Proposal

Promoting Philosophical Activities in an Uneven World

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American Philosophical Association (APA)

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Project Title: Promoting Philosophical Activities in an Uneven World

Background

The Philosophical Society of Nepal (PSN) is the member society of Federation of International Societies of Philosophy (FISP) which works in the fields within disciplinary boundaries of humanities mainly philosophy, literature, art and aesthetics, with the aim of fostering intercultural exchange of ideas for global peace and mutual understanding. The PSN has been publishing its regular quarterly publication *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry* so as to promote scholarly exchange of ideas among the scholars of the world. In addition, PSN performs several scholarly activities.

Project for Which Funding is Sought

PSN is currently running a publication “Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary,” which is growing its popularity not only among Nepali scholarly communities but also among other philosophical communities outside Nepal. The journal aims at promoting dialogue between the Nepali philosophical community and the larger global intellectual community. Considerable section of the scholars have already contributed to the journal such as late Richard Rorty, Professor William McBride, Professor Marjorie Perloff , Professor Charles Altieri and many others from USA , Professor Beerendra Pandey, Arun Gupto, Puspa Damai and many others from Nepal, Professor Pablo Pilinari from Italy, Professor Andrew Hadfield from UK, Professor Shamsad Murtuza from Bangladesh, Professor Jing Ding from China and Amrita Ghosh from India. Our journal is not only widely read by more than 1000 university teachers, independent

scholars and university students in Nepal but also is circulated electronically to the considerable section of readers in South Asia, USA and many other countries.

But the problem is that we do not even have a website for the publication of such magnitude because of our precarious economic reality. We want to place information about the previous issues of the journal and call for papers for the journal in the website so as to advertise for publicity. That does not mean the website essentially be an on-line version of the journal. We want an independent website for the journal in order to advertise it.

Problems and Prospects

In the situation under which we are not even able to host a website (which is essential for any major publication), it has become a hindrance to promote our cause in its full swing. This is a very grim reality under which Nepali philosophical community is working on some less known part of the globe. We want to host an independent website for the promotion our publication, which not only directly benefits to the promotion of philosophical activities in Nepal but also helps Nepali communities to be acquainted with the global communities; it helps our community to work with the global communities in long run. We have not yet known where to host our website. We do not mean we want to host it in APA website. We will purchase private web domain and host our materials.

Budget Allocation

The fund sought is expected to host the website for three years. The budget will be allocated under the following titles.

Title	Cost	Timeline
Webhosting	\$500	Jan 15-March 15
Maintenance	\$100	(When required)
Total: \$600		

A Designation of the Fiscal Agent for the Project

Philosophical Society of Nepal (PSN) will regulate the prospective fund from its bank account in Nepal. PSN has no bank account in US.

Information about Other Funding Obtained or Sought

We do not have any other source for the website. The distributor of our journal TU Book Center in Nepal has undertaken the responsibility of subscriptions and sales of the journal. The money we get from the distributor has maintained our cost of publication. We do not have any fund for webhosting of our activities. And any prospective additional income from sales is intended to maintain the physical quality of the journal, which could not have yet done despite its utmost necessity. We are considering giving a color hard-cover to the journal, which we now publish without cover.

Names and Institutional Affiliations of the Project Steering Committee

Yubraj Aryal, Purdue University

Prachanda Hamal, Sarvodaya Higher Secondary School

CURRICULUM-VITAE

Yubraj Aryal, Secretary, Philosophical Society of Nepal; Editor, *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*; Field Bibliographer, Modern Language Association of America and PhD Student, Purdue University, **DOB:** 1980/04/06 **Mailing Address:** Depart of Philosophy, Purdue University, 100 N. University St, West Lafayette, IN 47907, **Email:** yaryal@purdue.edu , **Ph:** 765- 4275892.

Academic Qualifications

- 1) PhD in Philosophy and Literature, Purdue University (in-progress), beginning from Fall 2008
- 2) M. A. in English from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal in 2005
- 3) M.A. in History from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal in 2006

Other Academic Courses

- 1) **M. A. Level Directed Course on Western Intellectual History** entitled "The Emergence and Evolution of Human Liberalism" offered by Central Department History, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal that 10 Feb., 2006 and ended on 15July, 2006 with grade A
- 2) **Creative Writing Course** offered by Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal on 10 August, 2006 with grade A+.
- (3) **Advanced Directed Reading Course** on "Trends in Western Science from Seventeenth Century to Twentieth Century" Central Department of History, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal that began on 23rd March, 2005 and ended on 14th August, 2005 with grade A+.

Work Experiences

- 1) Currently working as Research Assistant to Professor Leonard Harris at Philosophy and Literature PhD Program, Purdue University, most recently in the program's oncoming newsletter.
- 2) Currently working as Editor since March 2005 in *Journal of Philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*, a publication of Philosophical Society of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 3) Currently working as Secretary of Philosophical Society of Nepal since 06 February, 2005
- 4) Currently working as a Field Indexer at Modern Language Association of America, New York, USA since June/July 2007.

5) Worked as Lecturer for M. A. English Program at Khwopa College, Tribhuvan University from February 2006 to July 2007.

Publications

- 1) *A Pageant of Short Stories* (Kshitiz, 2005)
- 2) *Jeremiads of a Young Author and Other Stories* (Sunlight, 2006)
- 3) *A Critical Theory Reader* (Sunlight, 2006)
- 4) *The Humanities at Work: International Exchange of Ideas in Aesthetics, Philosophy and Literature* (Sunlight 2008)

Book Chapter

“Philology in a New Key” Jerome McGann’s *Are the Humanities Inconsequent?: Interpreting Marx’s Riddle of the Dog* (Chicago: Prickly Paradigm U. of Chicago Press, 2009).

Journal Publications

- 1) "Schopenhauer's Philosophy of Metaphysical Voluntarism" *Journal Of philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*. Vol2, No.4, 2006.
- 2) "Dialectics of Reason And Unreason: A Configuration of Nature of Truth and Knowledge" *Journal Of philosophy: A Cross-Disciplinary Inquiry*. Vol.2, No.6, 2006.
- 3) "Deconstruction and Theory of Knowledge." *Chrysanthemum* Vol. V, 2006
- 4) More than two dozen articles published in Nepali language in local magazines

Paper Readings

- 1) Paper presented in World Congress of Philosophy under the title "Intercultural Exchange of Ideas for Global Peace and Mutual Understanding " held on July30-August 05, 2008 at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea.
- 2) Paper presented under the caption "Racism in Othello" on a Workshop organized by English Association at Birendra Multiple Campus held on 2003, Chitwan Nepal.
- 3) Paper presented in an Annual Conference on South Asia as a Zone of Peace on March 1-2, 2006 under the caption "Progress on Knowledge as the Story of Violence" organized by Literary Association of Nepal, Kathmandu Nepal.
- 4) Commentator at Kent State University Philosophy Conference (March 14, 2009)

- 5) Paper presented in Theory and Cultural Studies Symposium, Department Of English, Purdue University on April 02, 2009.

Affiliate Associations

1. Philosophical Society of Nepal (PSN)
2. Literary Association of Nepal(LAN)
3. Nepal English Teachers' Association (NELTA)
4. Federation of International Societies of Philosophy (FISP)
5. American Philosophical Association (APA)
6. Modern Language Association of America (MLA)
7. The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy
8. International Association for Greek Philosophy

Research Interest

Interdisciplinary inquiry in the humanities

References:

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Professor Leonard Harris, Director, Philosophy and Literature PhD Program at Purdue University, Email: harris1@purdue.edu

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Career Objective:

- To be a professor in the department of English in a reputed university, and contribute to its growth and development in research and publication and thereby contribute to the development of the country.
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Educational Details:

M.A. (2006), University Campus T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Major Subject: English (poetry, Critical Foundation, Non-Western et al.).

B.A. (2002), Birendra Multiple Campus, Bharatpur, Chitwan, T.U. Nepal.

Major Subjects: English, Political Science and Journalism as a Functional Subject.

I.A. (1999), Birendra Multiple Campus, Bharatpur, Chitwan, T.U. Nepal.

Major Subjects: English, Political Science and Economics

S.L.C. (1996) Earthly Paradise English Boarding School, Besishahar, Lamjung, HMG, Nepal

Major Subjects: Health, Agriculture, O.P.T math

Area of Interest:

- Social Research and Working with Marginalized Groups

- Creativity and Innovation
 - Building relationship with different persons
 - Becoming a professor of English Language and Literary Theory
 - Conducting Program at FM and TV
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Professional Experiences:

- Working as a Lecturer in Sarvodaya Higher Secondary School, Sardanagar, Chitwan from 2000 May to till now
 - Worked as a Language Instructor and Tutor in Pinnacle Language and Computer Institute and Unique Computer Institute Bagbazar from February 22, 2006 to March 15, 2007
 - Taught as a Secondary English Teacher in Dallu Awasiya Vidhyalaya from July 17, 2006 to November 3, 2006
 - Worked as a copy editor in *Philosophical Journal: A Cross Disciplinary Inquiry*, a publication of Philosophical Society of Nepal from March 2005 – December 2005.
 - Worked as a Public Relationship Executive in World Link Technical Training Institute (Pvt.) Ltd from 2007 to 2008
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Awards and Felicitations

- Participated and won various prizes in School and College Level Competition.
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Training:

- Six months basic computer course at Across Computer, Bharatpur, Chitwan from 21st December to 20th June 2000.
 - Announcement training course from Yuwa Parishad, Chitwan from April 4, 2002 to May 24.
 - Creative writing course given by Central Department of English, T.U, Kirtipur from February 27, 2006 to May 29, 2006.
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