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Professional Summary An experienced mixed methods researcher with a primary research interest in social inclusion, qualitative methods, and program evaluation in low- and middle-income countries. I have expertise in collecting primary qualitative data in challenging, low-income settings through collaborative and participatory approaches with study participants and grassroots community organizations.

Academic Employment

2022-Present	Scientist, Social Science Research Institute The Pennsylvania State University (PSU)
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Education

2025	Ph.D., Rural Sociology with a minor in Gender Studies The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Dissertation title: <i>Violence Against Women and Resistance in Rural Nepal</i>
2017	Master's in Urban and Regional Planning Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI Recipient of Honor's Award for academic excellence
2009	Master's in Business Administration Kathmandu University, Kathmandu, Nepal Dean's List (3 out of 6 trimesters)
2005	Bachelor of Arts in Geography & English Literature Doti Multiple Campus, Doti, Nepal Gold Medal for securing the highest score in Geography in Nepal

Research and professional interests

Qualitative and mixed-methods research, program evaluation, inclusion-sensitive program design

Publication in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. **Joshi S** & Ghimire R. Women in water resource management: A review of water policies of Nepal. *World Water Policy* 2024, 2:566-582. DOI: 10.1002/wwp2.12194
2. **Joshi S**. Chhaupadi practice in Nepal: A literature review. *World Medical & Health Policy* 2022, 14(1), 121-137. DOI: 10.1002/wmh3.491

3. **Joshi S** & Acharya Y. Women's Seclusion during Menstruation and Children's Health in Nepal 2022. *PLOS Global Public Health*. 2(7), e0000355. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pgph.0000355
4. **Joshi S**. [Review of the book: naked agency: Genital Cursing and Biopolitics in Africa, by Naminata Diabate, Duke University Press Durham London, 2020. 259 pp. \$26.95 (paper). ISBN: 9481478006886]. Book Review in *Rural Sociology*. 2022, 87 (2), 642-645.
5. Nepal P, Subedee A, Shakya H, Poudel S, **Joshi S**, Karki K, Bajracharya D, Prentiss T, Kaljee L, Acharya Y. Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial on Community Education and Surveillance on Antibiotics Use among Young Children in Nepal. *Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications* 2023, 34; 101177. DOI: 10.1016/j.conctc.2023.101177
6. Acharya Y, Karmacharya V, Paudel U, **Joshi S**, Ghimire R, Adhikari S. Perceptions of Key Stakeholders on Taxes on Tobacco and Alcohol Products in Nepal. *BMJ Global Health* 2023, 8:e012040. DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2023-012040

Manuscripts under Review and Preparation

1. Joshi S, Velu S, Acharya Y. Reforms on reporting mechanisms and incidences of violence against women: Evidence from police cells in Nepal.
2. Joshi S. Different forms of violence against women. [dissertation chapter]
3. Joshi S & Birkenholtz J. Negotiating Chhaupadi from support to modification. [dissertation chapter]
4. Joshi S. Normalization of violence. [dissertation chapter]
5. Chi G., Joshi S., Hagedorn A. Scott C., Hofmann E., Kids Falling Through Cracks: The impact of Labor Migration on Children Well-being in Rural Kyrgyzstan Highlands.

Research Experience

2022-Present	Principal Investigator <i>Violence against women and resistance in rural Nepal</i> Led the design and implementation of the study, including securing necessary funding; obtaining approval from the ethical review boards of Penn State University and Nepal Health Research Council; obtaining approval from local municipalities; training local data collectors; collaborating with local NGOs and government institutions to adapt and modify study instruments; conducting in-depth interviews with 74 respondents in one of the most remote regions of Doti district in Nepal; transcribing and translating resulting data; analyzing the data in Nvivo to draft multiple manuscripts.
2024-Present	Advisor on Social Inclusion and Qualitative Methods, ISER-Nepal <i>Optimizing Antibiotics Prescription: A Stepped-Wedge RCT</i> (Funded by Merck) Key tasks: Lead the qualitative component of the study; review training materials, consent forms, and questionnaires to ensure that the language used is gender, caste, ethnicity and disability inclusive, and appropriate for the

study setting; advise on heterogeneity analysis, specifically on categorization of caste and ethnicity; and contribute to the preparation of manuscripts.

2022 Research Assistant for Professor Jessica Birkenholtz, Penn State University
Digital Queer Activism: Tracing Nepal's Second Generation of Queer
Key tasks: Social media data scraping

2017-2018 Research Assistant for Professor Guanqing Chi
Social Science Research Institute, Penn State University (various projects)
Key tasks: Conduct literature review, data analysis, manuscript preparation, and project management, coordination, logistical arrangements for seminars, mentor and supervise undergraduate students.

2016-2017 Research Assistant
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Eastern Michigan University
Key tasks: Conducted literature review and synthesis, conducted interviews and qualitative data analysis, assisted with the preparation of manuscripts.

Professional Experience

2010-2012 Human Resource Officer
Buddha Air Private Limited, Lalitpur, Nepal
Key tasks: Designed and conducted training programs to staff on the basis of need analysis and Staff Performance Management System (SPMS), provided orientation to staff on SPMS and analyzed the information collected, oversaw human resource functions, including recruitment, salary determination, and pay.

2007-2010 Administrative Officer
Kathmandu University, Nepal
Key tasks: Oversaw all administrative functions at the Vice Chancellor's Office, coordinated seminars, trainings and communicated with foreign universities, provided research assistance on faculty members' consulting projects.

2006 Assistant Administrator
International Committee of the Red Cross, Doti Office, Nepal
Key tasks: Provided interpretation for foreign staff (English /Nepali) and translated news related to conflict from Nepali to English, helped prepare Rights Awareness Kits for prisoners.

Conferences and Invited Presentations

1. Martin Chautari Annual Conference 2024, November 27-29, 2024. Title: Many faces of violence against women: narratives from Rural Nepal.
2. Guest lecture in WMNST 137, Pennsylvania State University, March 2024. Title: *Chhaupadi* practice in Nepal.
3. Population Association of America Meeting, April 2022. Title: Son preference and violence against women in South Asia.
4. Prevention Research Center (PRC), Penn State, April 2023. Title: Violence and women's health: Case of women practicing *Chhaupadi*.

5. Rural Sociological Society Meeting, August 2022. Title: *Chhaupadi* and Children's Health in Rural Nepal.
6. Guest lecture in Masters of Sociology Doti Campus, Doti Nepal, June 2022. Title: Basics of Qualitative Research Methods.

Peer Reviewer

Rural Sociology
World Development
World Medical & Health Policy
Culture, Health and Sexuality
Asian Journal of Social Sciences

Travel and Research Grants

2024	Dennis and Jimmie Findley Educational Enhancement Endowment Fund
2023	Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, Dissertation Funding, Penn State
2022	Rural Sociology Travel Grant

Other Skills

Data analysis software:	NVivo, Stata, ArcGIS, GeoDa,
Languages:	Fluent in English, Nepali (native), Hindi, and Doteli (native)

Professional Membership

Rural Sociological Society