

Pearly Wong

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Education

PhD	2023 (expected)	Cultural Anthropology, Environment and Resources (Dual PhD program)	University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
MA	2019	Cultural Anthropology	University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
Certificate	2019	Culture, History and Environment	University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
MSc.	2013	Sustainability, Development and Peace	United Nations University, Japan
BSc.	2008	Biological Science (CGPA: 3.92)	University of Malaya, Malaysia

Teaching Experience

- Instructor:
 - Summer 2020 & 2021, Soc540 “Sociology of International Development”
- Teaching Assistant:
 - Fall 2018 & 2020, Anthro104 “Cultural Anthropology & Human Diversity”
 - Spring 2019, 2020 & 2021, EnvirSt979 “Environmental Conservation Planning” (Online)
 - TA, Fall 2019, EnvirSt112 “The Social Perspectives of Environmental Studies”
 - TA, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018, CESoc541 “Environmental Stewardship and Social Justice”
- Potential Guest Lecture Topics:
 - “Thinking Locally, Acting Globally: Community Sustainability and Mobilization Efforts in Nepal”
 - “Participant Conversation: Practicing Solidarity as an Ethnographer in Nepal”
 - “Linking Local to Global: Environmental Justice in the Global South”

Professional Experience

- **Prison Education Communication Fellow, Odyssey Beyond Bars, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2021-2022)**
 - A competitive Public Humanities fellowship offered by the Andrew Mellon Foundation
 - Research prison reentry services throughout the state of Wisconsin, and develop a report and a database of contacts for future collaboration
 - Support development of outreach materials for Prison Education Program, including creation of web content, fact sheets, surveys and presentations
 - Support development and organization of training materials for prison instructors
- **Non-Formal Education (NFE) Program Coordinator, UNESCO Kathmandu, Nepal (2015-2017)**
 - Prepared strategic plans and grant proposals for NFE programs in Nepal, and successfully secured twice grants worth \$200,000 for the 2015-2016 and 2017-2018 respectively
 - Collaborated with policymakers and community partners to implement NFE policies and programs
 - Designed and organized 12 workshops bringing together international, national and community stakeholders to share and contextualize NFE strategies
 - Created outreach materials on NFE such as news articles, policy briefs, social media campaigns
- **Editorial Board Assistant for the *Sustainability Science Journal*, Tokyo, Japan (March-Dec 2012)**
 - Assisted the editorial team of an international journal focusing on sustainability.

- Maintained a database of authors, existing and potential peer reviewers.
- Prepared annual reports and quarterly newsletters.

Research Experience

- **Shikharapur Community Learning Center, Pharping, Nepal (ongoing)**
 - Ongoing study and evaluation of approaches and impacts of multiple community development projects: a farmer's school project, a girls' education project, and a digital school project
 - Applied research findings to grant-writing, fundraising and award application, based on which the community successfully obtained a project grant worth 30,000 Euro, research grants worth 10,000 USD and an international award worth 3,500 USD
- **“Building Capacities for Literacy and Lifelong Learning in Nepal”, UNESCO Kathmandu (2015-2017)**
 - Conducted assessment on the status of Non-Formal Education and Community Learning Centers
 - Conducted focus group discussions and workshops to identify learning needs in communities
 - Supervised research work in the Non-Formal Education sector by seven recruited consultants
- **“Cameroon Sustainable Rural Housing Project”, Groundwork Institute, California (2014)**
 - Partnered with a technical institute that works to improve housing for rural communities
 - Conducted a 6-month ethnography of living habits and the use of space in Southwest Cameroon
 - Applied research findings to recommendations for low-cost housing design
- **“Climate and Ecosystem Changes Adaptation and Resilience Research”, United Nations University, Tokyo (2011-2013)**
 - Ethnographic research, survey, and policy analysis on agricultural water management in Sri Lanka and Indonesia

Publications/Public Scholarship

- Wong, P. (2021). Dependent convenience: Migration, agrarian change, and socioecological sustainability in Dakshinkali, Nepal. *Economic Anthropology*.
- Wong, P. (2020). Linking “Local” To “Global”: Framing Environmental Justice Movements Through Progressive Contextualization. *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements* 12(2): 215 - 243
- Wong, P. (2020). Achieving Environmental Justice: Lessons from the Global South. In K. Legun, J. Keller, M. Bell, & M. Carolan (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (pp. 497-514). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Wong, P. (2020). The Vulnerable State and Technical Fixes: An Analysis of Climate Change Policy and Adaptation Strategy in Nepal. *Himalaya* 39 (2).
- Wong, P. (2020). 2019 Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya. *Himalaya* 39(2).
- Wong, P. (Oct 18, 2018). Water Justice vs. Western Development in Nepal. *Edge Effects*.
- Herath S., Mishra B., Wong P., Weerakoon S.B. (2018). Mosaic of Traditional and Modern Agriculture Systems for Enhancing Resilience. In: Takeuchi K., Saito O., Matsuda H., Mohan G. (eds) *Resilient Asia. Science for Sustainable Societies*. Springer: Tokyo.
- Wong P. and Clammer J. (2017). Performance and Development: Theatre for Social Change. In: Clammer J., Giri A. (eds) *The Aesthetics of Development*. Palgrave Macmillan: New York.
- Wong, P. and Herath, S. (2014). Equity in Bulk Water Allocation: The Case of the Mahaweli Ganga Development Project in Sri Lanka. *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, 30(4), 635–648.
- Wong, P. (2013). ‘Local Ownership’ in Peacebuilding – a Premature Rhetoric? *United Nations Peace and Progress* 1(1), 47-57

Selected Conference/Workshop Presentations

- 2022 Virtual Instructional Development Institute: Opening Up Higher Education, Jan 2022, oral presentation: “*Integrating Synchronous and Non-synchronous Sessions for Students Engagement.*”
- The Institute for The Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (virtual), Oct 2020, oral presentation: “*Subaltern Studies in Nepal: Past, Present and Future*”
- The Annual Meeting of the Society of Economic Anthropology (virtual), May 2020, oral presentation
- The Annual Meeting for American Anthropological Association, Nov 2019, Vancouver, oral presentation, “*Experience of Development and Change in Dakshinkali, Nepal.*”
- The Annual Conference for South Asia, Oct 2019, Madison, panel organizer and oral presentation, “*Practicing Solidarity: Positionality and Methodology in Dakshinkali, Nepal.*”
- Tobias Center Innovations in International Climate Development Workshop, Oct 2018, Indiana, oral presentation and discussant, “*Climate Change Discourses in Nepal*”
- The Himalaya Policy Research Conference, Oct 2018, Madison, oral presentation and discussant, “*A Missed Opportunity for Transformation? An Analysis of Climate Change Discourses in Nepal*”
- The Annual Geography Meeting, Apr 2018, New Orleans, oral presentation, “*Recognizing Plurality, Heterogeneity and Agency: A Contextualized Approach towards Environmental Justice.*”
- The Earth Day Conference, Apr 2018, Madison, oral presentation, “*Actors and Processes: Environmental Justice Movements in the Global South.*”

Awards/Grants

- Andrew Mellon Public Humanities Fellowship, UW-Madison, 2021/2021
- A. Eugene Havens Social Justice Award, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison, 2020
- Detering Gurfield Family Scholarship, UW-Madison, 2020
- Planetary Health Scholarship, UW-Madison, 2020
- Graduate Student Research Competition Award, UW-Madison, 2019
- John T. Hitchcock Award, Department of Anthropology, UW-Madison, 2019
- Dor Bahadur Bista Best Paper Award, Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, 2018
- Scott-Kloeck Jenson Fellowship for Predissertation Fieldwork, UW-Madison, 2018
- 4W Grant for Emerging Scholars, UW-Madison, 2018
- Center for Culture, History and Environment Travel Grant, UW-Madison, 2018 & 2020
- Fulbright Foreign Student Grant, 2017-2019
- United Nations University CECAR-Asia Research Grant, 2011-2013
- Commonwealth Shared Scholarship (offered)
- Malaysian JPA Scholarship, 2005-2008

Membership

- The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies
- The American Association of Anthropologists
- Fulbright Alumni Association
- United Nations University Alumni Association

Languages:

- Native: Mandarin/Chinese
- Proficient: English, Cantonese, Nepali (speaking), Malay
- Beginner: Japanese