

# **Shobha Gurung**

**Professor of Sociology at Southern Utah University**

Cedar City, UT, US

Specializes in gender and labor, comparative family and community, migration, globalization, and transnationalism, and civic engagement.

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## **Biography**

Shobha Hamal Gurung is Associate Professor of Sociology and Women and Gender Studies at Southern Utah University and the Program Director of SUU's Nepal Studies Program. Her research focus is gender and labor; globalization, migration, and transnational studies; South Asia and international studies; and social justice and human rights. Her broad expertise on the lives of Nepali women is reflected in these publications: "Growing Up Hindu: Mapping the Memories of a Nepali Woman in the United States" (2008); "Nepali Female Migrants and Informalization of Domestic and Care Work: Service or Servitude?" (2010); "Sex Trafficking and the Sex Trade Industry: The Processes and Experiences of Nepali Women"(2014); and "Dynamics and Ramifications of US Immigration and Visa Policies: Nepali Transnational Workers, Families, and Children in the United States" (2015). Her book Nepali Migrant Women: Resistance and Survival in America is published by Syracuse University Press in their longstanding and critically acclaimed Gender and Globalization Series. This book is a pioneer in documenting the gendered experiences of educated and professional migrant women who work in ethnically segmented labor markets in Boston and New York. She has presented her scholarly work at the numbers of regional, national, and international conferences. Her current research project examines the socio-cultural and emotional lives of Bhutanese refugees of Nepali origin in Salt Lake City and Seattle. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology at Northeastern University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning, Women, International Affairs

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Global Civic Citizenship, Human Rights and Social Justice, Gender and Labor Studies, Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Community, Gender and Society, Human and Sex Trafficking, Globalization and Transnational Studies, Stratification and Intersectionality, Global Popular Culture

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## **Affiliations**

SUU Women and Gender Studies Board (Co Chair), Research Committee 32: Women and Society (International Sociological Association), United Nations Economic and Social Council, American Sociological Association (ASA), International Sociological Association (ISA), Phi Beta Delta (PBD), International Sociological Honor Society (AKD), Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Nepali Women Global Networks (NWGN), Asian American Association (AAA, Sub-section of the ASA), Race, Class, and Gender (RCG, Sub-section of the ASA), The Northeastern Environmental Justice Research Collaborative (NEJRC), Multicultural Environmental Leadership Development Initiative (MELDI) , Nepali Women Global Networks (NWGN)

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## **Education**

**Northeastern University**  
Ph.D. Sociology

**Northeastern University**  
M.A. Sociology

**Padma Kanya College**  
B.A. Economics and Music

**Tribhuvan University, Nepal**  
B.A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**Curriculum Innovation Grant**  
Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning, Southern Utah University, 2018

**Affiliate Faculty, South Asia Center**  
University of Washington, 2017

**Visiting Research Scholar**  
East-West Center and Sociology Department at University of Hawaii, 2017

**SUU Influencer Award Nomination**  
Southern Utah University, 2017

**Distinguished Scholarly / Creative Activity Awards**  
Southern Utah University, 2016

**Distinguished Faculty Scholarly Award**  
Southern Utah University, 2016

**Utah Campus Compact 2014 Engaged Scholar**  
Southern Utah University, 2014

**Achievement in Experiential Learning**  
Southern Utah University, 2014

**Faculty Scholarly Support Fund**  
Southern Utah University, 2010, 2013, 2014

**The Service Fellow Award**  
Southern Utah University, 2010

**Labor, Migration, and Gender Conference Travel Grant**  
The University of Illinois-Chicago and the Ford Foundation, March 2010

**The Ford Foundation Research Grant**  
University of Illinois, Chicago, Summer 2009

**T-Birds Award for Professor of the Year**  
Southern Utah University, 2009

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