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Celebrating the impact and intellectual legacy of Fulbrighters woven through scholarly narratives.

Fulbright Sparkles, also known as the Fulbright Journal, is a peer-reviewed, open-access publication by the Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal (FAAN) dedicated to disseminating the impactful scholarly work and professional achievements of Fulbright alumni following their U.S. exchange experiences. This platform offers a unique venue for Fulbrighters to publish their research, reviews, commentaries etc. on an ongoing basis.

Fulbright Sparkles showcases significant intellectual contributions and initiatives undertaken by Fulbrighters, both on an individual and institutional level. The Fulbright Journal fosters connections between Nepal and the United States, promoting cross-cultural understanding and its broader implications. The journal highlights the accomplishments of Fulbrighters who have received prestigious national and international honors for their contributions in their respective fields.

Fulbright Sparkles also aims to motivate current and future Nepali Fulbrighters to make their own notable contributions and share these works to inspire others to give back to the community.

Fulbright Sparkles invites submissions in the following categories:

- i) **Research Articles:** Original research - both qualitative and quantitative - comparatively analyzing Nepal-US cultural understanding and experiential learning.
- ii) **Feature Articles:** Profiles of Fulbrighters who have made notable contributions in their respective fields or served in leadership positions. Such articles should explore and emphasize the impact of their exchange experience.
- iii) **Case Studies:** Analysis of important initiatives undertaken by Fulbright scholar(s) that significantly contributes to the development of the state and society.
- iv) **Commentaries:** Expert perspectives, analysis or opinion on relevant issues in education, cultural exchange, Nepal-US relations or any topic that contributes to the ongoing scholarly discourse.
- v) **Book Reviews:** Provide critical evaluation, assessment of recent scholarly works relevant to the journal's scope.
- vi) **Letters to the Editor:** We encourage formal responses to previously published articles in the Fulbright Journal or other relevant contributions that positively engage in scholarly conversation and contribute toward ongoing debates on multiple disciplines.

For inquiries, submissions, or any further information, please contact us at faan@fulbrightnepal.org.np

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Articles submitted to *Fulbright Sparkles* undergo through a double-blind peer-review process. All submissions are evaluated by highly qualified editorial board comprising scholars and experts in their relevant fields. The Editorial Board, chaired by a member of the Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal (FAAN) executive committee, provides authors with valuable feedback and guidance. The Board includes professors and scholars with expertise in the fields covered by the journal.

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Based on the reviewers’ comments and evaluation, the editors make an initial decision as follows:

- Accept (with or without editorial revisions)
- Request revisions from the author(s) to address specific concerns
- Reject

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Outline:	As in APPENDIX-1
Language:	English
Font:	Times New Roman, 14 points for Title; 12 points for headings, subheadings and body text.
Alignment:	Left-aligned
Spacing:	1.5 lines
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Describe the methods or methodology used to allow replication of the study. Authors may employ some flexibility in organizing this section, however, the description should be concise to enable readers to confirm the observations.

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The discussion should summarize and interpret the findings presented in the result section. Observations should be related to prior relevant studies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section recognizes contributions of people and organizations in conducting the study or preparing the manuscript at all stages, including conceptualization, drafting, review, or revision, or who provided financial support. Additionally, any conflict of interest should also be disclosed here.

REFERENCES

References should adhere to the guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) and be arranged alphabetically by author surname.

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