

Editorial Notes

We are pleased to publish this special Tribute issue on Professor Gregory G. Maskarinec, who passed away on 16, June, 2022 at the age of 71. Professor Gregory Maskarinec served as a valued member of the International Advisory Board of the Dhaulagiri Journal of Sociology and Anthropology. He was an author, reviewer, and financial endower. He was also a Professor and Director at the Office of Global Health and International Medicine, Departments of Native Hawaiian Health and Family Medicine and Community Health John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii. This special issue has been published as decided by the meeting of the editorial board of Dhaulagiri Journal held on Sunday, 19 June 2022 to pay gratitude to Professor Gregory Maskarinec, before his death anniversary, for his academic and financial contribution to the journal.

This volume has twelve papers. Of these, five are in the Nepali language. The authors are friends and students of Professor Gregory G. Maskarinec in Jajarkot, where he served as a math and science teacher as part of a Peace Corps volunteer. Jajarkot is a remote district located in the mid-western part of Nepal. Even today, this district is considered remote. Considering the fact that it is not difficult to imagine how remote it was four and half decades ago, the time Gregory Maskarinec visited there. Another paper is written by a bosom friend who was closely tied up in fictive kin relation with Professor Gregory G. Masarinec. This relationship was special to represent Nepali culture of brotherhood. This relation shows how Nepali society binds in different types of social relation and build harmonious relationship among themselves. The paper by Madhusudan Subedi presents his professional engagement experience with Professor Masarinec. Professor Bhim Prasad Subedi and Charles Ziegler have also contributed a paper in which he has described the life experience with Professor Maskarinec.

Similarly, Man Bahadur Khattri discusses the Professor's relationship with Dhaulagiri Journal of Sociology and Anthropology as a financial endower, author, reviewer, and advisor. Both have focused their personal and professional experiences with Professor Gregory Maskarinec. Papers by Bamdev Subedi and Kapil Babu Dahal highlighted Professor Masarinec's contribution to medical anthropology. These writings only represent a small part of the total academic and personal life of Professor Maskarinec. To better understand Professor Maskarinec and his contribution, one needs a deeper exploration of his complex life and academic contribution in medical anthropology, shamanism, alternative healing.

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the quality of submitted papers. It is worth mentioning that he always timely contributed to us with his valuable work.

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