

**NEPALI ACADEMICS IN AMERICA (NACA)  
SECOND ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE  
April 15-16, 2022**

**DAY 1 (APRIL 15, 2022)**

7:45 pm - 8:00 pm ET (5:30 am - 5:45 am NST, April 16)	INTRODUCTION TO NACA AND WELCOME <b>Udaya Wagle</b> (NACA President) <b>Krishna Paudel</b> (Conference Chair)		
8:00 pm - 8:55 pm ET (5:45 am - 6:40 am NST, April 16)	KEYNOTE SPEECH <b>Binod Tiwari</b> , Professor and Associate Vice President of Research, Cal State University, Fullerton, California <i>Lessons Learned from Past Earthquakes - Resilience, Recovery, and Renewal</i>		
8:55 pm - 9:00 pm ET (6:40 am - 6:45 am NST, April 16)	BREAK		
	<b>Concurrent Session 1 (A)</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 2 (B)</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 3 (C)</b>
9:00 pm - 9:55 pm (6:45 am - 7:40 am NST, April 16)	YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP Organizer/moderator: <b>Arun KC</b> (Save the Children)	ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT Organizer/moderator: <b>Keshav Bhattarai</b> (University of Central Missouri)	BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY I - THE COMPOSITION, STRUCTURE, AND INTERACTIONS OF CELLULAR MOLECULES Organizer/moderator: <b>Samagya Banskota</b> (Harvard University)
9:55 pm - 10:00 pm ET (7:40 am - 7:45 am NST, April 16)	BREAK		
10:00 pm - 10:55 pm ET (7:45 am - 8:40 am NST, April 16)	HOW TO LAND A TENURE TRACK JOB Organizer/Moderator: <b>Krishna Paudel</b> (USDA ERS)	NATURAL DISASTER I: HIMALAYAN GLACIERS, DISASTER RISKS, AND RESILIENCE Organizer/moderator: <b>Milan Shrestha</b> (ASU)	ICEBREAKER SESSION I Moderator: <b>Alok Bohara, PhD</b> , University of New Mexico

**DAY 2 (APRIL 16, 2022)**

9:00 am - 9:55 am ET (6:45 pm - 7:40 pm NST, April 16)	KEY SESSION ON HEALTH: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF HEALTH EQUITY IN THE POST-DISASTER WORLD Organizer/Moderator: <b>Jackie Bhattarai</b> (Johns Hopkins University)		
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	<b>Concurrent Session 1 (A)</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 2 (B)</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 3 (C)</b>
10:00 am - 10:55 am ET (7:45 pm - 8:40 pm NST, April 16)	NEPAL'S FORESTRY AT A CROSSROAD Organizer/moderator: <b>Dinesh Paudel</b> (Appalachian State University)	BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY II - FRONTIERS IN NEUROSCIENCE Organizer: <b>Samagya Banskota</b> , Harvard University); Moderator: <b>Ananta Acharya</b> (Corteva)	AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS Moderator: <b>Madhav Regmi</b> (New Mexico State University)
10:55 am - 11:00 am ET (8:40 pm - 8:45 pm NST, April 16)	BREAK		
11:00 am - 11:55 am ET (8:45 pm - 9:40 pm NST, April 16)	NATURAL DISASTER II: MONITORING, ASSESSMENT, & UNCERTAINTY Moderator: <b>Milan Shrestha</b> (ASU)	WATER RESOURCES AND WATER QUALITY Organizer/moderator: <b>Rabin Bhattarai</b> (UIUC)	ECONOMICS OF NEPAL Organizer/Moderator: <b>Gaurab Aryal</b> (University of Virginia)
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm ET (9:45 pm - 10:15 pm NST, April 16)	LUNCH BREAK		
12:30 pm - 1:25 pm ET (10:15 pm - 11:10 pm NST, April 16)	ASSOCIATION OF NEPALESE MATHEMATICIANS IN AMERICA (ANMA) ACTIVITIES Organizer: <b>ANMA</b> Moderator: <b>Kedar Nepal</b> (Mercer University, Georgia)	IMPACT OF COVID-19 Organizer: <b>Anil Giri</b> (USDA ERS) Moderator: <b>Ram Acharya</b> (New Mexico State University)	BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY III - DRUG DISCOVERY: TARGET, DESIGN AND DELIVERY. Organizer: <b>Samagya Banskota</b> (Harvard University); Moderator: <b>Roshan Shrestha</b> (National Cancer Center)
1:25 pm - 1:30 pm ET (11:10 pm - 11:15 pm NST, April 16)	BREAK		
1:30 pm - 2:25 pm ET (11:15 pm - 12:10 am NST, April 17)	INRASTRUCTURES, LIVELIHOODS, AND WELLBEING Moderator: <b>Tej Gautam</b> (Tuskegee University)	TRANSITIONING FROM FACULTY TO ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE JOB Organizer: <b>Krishna Paudel</b> (USDA ERS)	ICEBREAKER SESSION II Moderator: <b>Gyan Neupane, PhD</b> , Arizona State University
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm ET (12:15 am - 1:15 am NST, April 17)	CONFERENCE WRAP-UP GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL REPORT		