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### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Ashish Bajracharya is the Deputy Director of Country Strategy at the Population Council. He provides leadership and support across the Population Council's country offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, and its affiliated organizations, with the aim of maximizing the Council's positive impact and ensuring that the organization's research and knowledge is effectively influencing national policy and programs. He also serves as the Population Council's Regional Representative for South and East Asia and an Associate with its Reproductive Health program. Dr. Bajracharya is a social demographer and behavioral scientist who specializes in issues related to gender, transitions to adulthood, maternal, sexual and reproductive health, family planning and HIV & AIDS outcomes of vulnerable populations, and rigorous evaluations of health financing and health systems strengthening interventions in low- and middle-income countries. As Regional Representative, he is responsible for the Council's research, programs and engagements in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines and Vietnam, and is based in the Council's office in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He also co-leads the Population Council's Humanitarian Task Force, which coordinates the Council's efforts to produce timely and relevant evidence to inform responses to the COVID-19 pandemic globally. Between 2015 and 2019, he established and served as the Country Representative the Population Council's office in Cambodia, and co-led WorkerHealth, a \$3.8 million USAID initiative aimed at improving access to reproductive health and family planning services among female garment factory workers in Cambodia. Prior to his appointment in Phnom Penh, he was based at the Council's offices in Dhaka, Bangladesh (2012-2015), Hanoi, Vietnam (2011-2012), and as a Bixby Postdoctoral Fellow in its New York headquarters (2008-2010). Dr. Bajracharya has authored or co-authored more than 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, research papers, policy reports, and issue briefs, and has published his research in journals such as *Demography*, *The Lancet*, *Studies in Family Planning*, *Journal of Adolescent Health* and *Developmental Psychology*. He also serves on expert panels and advisory committees, as a referee for leading peer-reviewed journals in his field, and has presented his research at scientific fora and international conferences around the world. In 2017, he was named one of the '120 under 40: The New Generation of Family Planning Leaders' by the Bill and Melinda Gates Institute of Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, recognizing him as a young leader under the age of 40 in the field of family planning and reproductive health. Dr. Bajracharya received his Ph.D. in Policy Analysis and Management from Cornell University in 2008 where he specialized in social demography and human development. He is a native of Nepal.

### EMPLOYMENT

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, Global**

##### **Deputy Director, Country Strategy**

July 2020 – present

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

##### **Associate II & Regional Representative – South & East Asia**

Social and Behavioral Science Research Program

December 2019 - present

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

##### **Associate II & Country Representative**

Social and Behavioral Science Research Program

January 2019- November 2019

(as Associate I & Country Representative from August 2015 to December 2018)

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

##### **Associate I**

Program on Reproductive Health

October 2012– July 2015

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, Hanoi, Vietnam**

##### **Staff Associate**

Program on Reproductive Health

January 2011 - October 2012

#### **POPULATION COUNCIL, New York, NY, USA**

##### **Fred H. Bixby Postdoctoral Fellow**

Program on Poverty, Gender, and Youth

October 2008 - October 2010

**EDUCATION****CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY, USA****Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**, August 2008 (conferred January 2009)

Policy Analysis and Management.

Minor Fields: Demography and Human Development

*Dissertation Committee*: Rachel Dunifon (Chair), Daniel Lichter, Gary Evans, Donald Kenkel*Dissertation Title*: 'Essays on the Influence of the Nature and Conditions of Parental Work on the Wellbeing of Children and Adolescents: Perspectives from the United States and Nepal.' (ProQuest/UMI, 2009. Publication Number: 3388011)**CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY, USA****Master of Science (M.S.)**, August 2007

Policy Analysis and Management

**OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Delaware, OH, USA****Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**, *Cum Laude*, May 2003

Major: Economics and Management; Minor: Psychology (Research)

**COUNTRIES OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Tajikistan, Tanzania, United States, Vietnam

**PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Global Positions:****Deputy Director, Country Strategy****Population Council**Countries covered: Population Council's 13 Country Offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East  
July 2020 to present

Provide leadership and support across the Population Council's 13 country offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, and its affiliated organizations, with the aim of maximizing the Council's positive impact and ensuring that the organization's research and knowledge is effectively influencing national policy and programs. Support, and work closely with, the Director of Country strategy in the initiation, development, and monitoring of Council country strategies and provide technical and managerial guidance related to program priorities in Reproductive Health; Poverty, Gender, and Youth; HIV/AIDS; and Biomedical Research in countries with Council presence.

**Co-Lead, Research in Humanitarian Settings Task Force****Population Council**Countries covered: Global  
February 2020 to present

Co-lead the Population Council's Research in Humanitarian Settings Task Force, commissioned to develop a strategy for the Population Council to contribute its expertise to research in humanitarian settings globally. Responsible for coordinating the Council's efforts to produce timely and relevant evidence to inform and support national health ministries, government agencies, and international and national non-governmental organizations in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the local, national and global levels.

**Regional and Country Positions:****Associate II & Regional Representative - South and East Asia****Population Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Social and Behavioral Science Research Program

Countries covered: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Vietnam  
December 2019 to present

Provide substantive leadership, professional engagement, and management of the Population Council's mission, resources, relationships and activities in Bangladesh and in the South and East Asia region, including, but not limited to, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Work closely with the Council's senior leadership to provide oversight to the implementation and monitoring of all Council research and program activities, fundraising, and donor and stakeholder relationship management in the South and East Asia region where the Council does not have formal presence. Support the

initiation, development, implementation, and monitoring of research and program activities under all three of the Council's Social and Behavioral Research program areas: Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS and Poverty Gender and Youth for the region as well as the Bangladesh Country Office. Manage external, government and donor relations, foster and enhance partnerships with national institutions and international organizations, represent the Council in national and international fora, and support the Council's capacity building mission.

#### **Associate II & Country Representative**

##### **Population Council, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

Social and Behavioral Science Research Program

Countries covered: Cambodia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Tajikistan, and Tanzania

January 2019 to November 2019

Conduct research, develop, implement and manage programs, support fundraising, and contribute to the overall goals of the Population Council as the Country Representative of the Council's office in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Provide leadership to the establishment of the Council's office in Cambodia and advance the mission of the Council in the South and Southeast Asia region, overseeing and supporting the initiation, development, implementation, and monitoring of research activities under all three of the Council's Social and Behavioral Research program areas: Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS, and Poverty Gender and Youth. Manage all aspects of the operation and management of the Council's office in Cambodia, including external, government and donor relations, fostering and enhancing partnerships with national and international organizations, and representing the Council in national and international fora. Provide technical assistance and capacity building support to, and build partnerships with national research institutions, and represent the Population Council across the region, including as lead on projects in Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and the Philippines, and on technical assistance engagements in and Lao PDR., Tajikistan, Tanzania, and Vietnam. Support fundraising for research in the South and Southeast Asia region across all three of the Council's core programs.

Served as **Associate I & Country Representative, Cambodia** from August 2015 to December 2018

#### **Associate I**

##### **Population Council, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Program on Reproductive Health

Countries covered: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Nepal

October 2012- July 2015

Conduct research, implement and manage programs, support fundraising, and contribute to the overall goals of the Population Council in the South and Southeast Asia Region as well as to the operations of its Representative Office in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Provide technical assistance and capacity building support to national institutional research partners, manage all aspects of research and program implementation, and represent the Population Council in Cambodia, Myanmar and Nepal. Work on research and programs across all three of the Council's Social and Behavioral Science Research programs: Reproductive Health, Poverty, Gender and Youth, and HIV and AIDS. Support fundraising and program development for the Council's office in Bangladesh as well as the Evidence Project.

#### **Staff Associate**

##### **Population Council, Hanoi, Vietnam**

Program on Reproductive Health

Countries covered: Vietnam and Cambodia

January 2011- October 2012

Facilitated the implementation of an innovative commune-based Healthcare Management Information System (HMIS) in the Thai Nguyen province of Vietnam and supported the building of capacity of health staff at the commune, district and provincial levels to utilize data and evidence to promote a culture of evidence based planning and decision making in the health system. Worked closely with the Provincial Health Department of Thai Nguyen and provided technical assistance and capacity building support to local research institutions and helped promote the utilization of data and research in evidence-based decision-making and planning in health.

#### **Fred H. Bixby Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

##### **Population Council, New York, NY, USA**

Program on Poverty, Gender and Youth

October 2008-October 2010

Conducted research, authored empirical papers and prepared briefs on transitions to adulthood of adolescent girls in Nepal, focusing on poverty, marriage timing, schooling and work force participation. Explored the influence of marriage-based transactions on marriage timing and examined the spatial dimensions of marriage, school and work outcomes using GIS. Examined the impact of women's participation in microcredit groups on women's empowerment in Bangladesh, focusing on gender-based violence. Explored the determinants of fertility and childbearing patterns in early- and late-marrying settings in the developing world.

**RECENT AND COMPLETED GRANTS**

1. **Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Global; 2020-present)**  
Co-Lead, Research in Humanitarian Settings Task Force. Funded by the Population Council
2. **Cambodia PLHIV Stigma Index 2.0 (Cambodia; 2018-2019)**  
Principal Investigator. \$215,000. Funded by USAID/FHI360 Linkages and UNAIDS.
3. **Climate Change, Migration and Health Outcomes in Cambodia (Cambodia; 2019)**  
Principal Investigator. \$25,000. Funded by the Population, Environment, Resilience and Climate Change (PERCC) Initiative, Population Council
4. **Formative Research to enhance SBC Strategies for Reproductive Health and Family Planning for Out of School Youth in the Philippines (Philippines; 2018-2019)**  
Principal Investigator. \$150,000. Funded by USAID Philippines under Breakthrough RESEARCH. Field Support
5. **Evaluation of Mekong Women's Empowerment Project (Empower) (Cambodia; 2019)**  
Principal Investigator. \$45,000. Funded by Marie Stopes International Cambodia
6. **Technical Assistance to Promote Safe Transitions to Adulthood in the Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (Tajikistan; 2019)**  
Short Term Technical Assistance. Funded by the Aga Khan Foundation
7. **WorkerHealth (Cambodia; 2015-2018)**  
Principal Investigator. \$1,800,000. Funded by USAID Cambodia under the Evidence Project. Field Support.
8. **Tanzania Community ART Study (Tanzania; 2017-2019)**  
Short Term Technical Assistance. Funded by USAID Tanzania under the SOAR Project
9. **Married Adolescents, Pregnancy and School Dropout in South Asia (South Asia Region; 2017-18)**  
Principal Investigator. \$125,000. Funded by UNICEF Regional Office South Asia
10. **Work Family Balance and Maternity Protection among Garment Factory Workers in Cambodia (Cambodia; 2018)**  
Principal Investigator. \$29,000. Funded by the International Labor Organization (ILO), Bangkok
11. **The Demographic Transition for Nepal: Trends and Policy Implications (Nepal; 2016-2017)**  
Co-Principal Investigator. \$57,000. Funded by UNICEF Nepal Country Office
12. **Examining the Improvements in Method Information Index Scores in Cambodia (Cambodia; 2016-17)**  
Principal Investigator. \$20,000. Funded by the Peter J. Donaldson Fund, Population Council
13. **Evaluation of the BSR HERproject Intervention in Garment Factories in Bangladesh (Bangladesh; 2014- 2017)**  
Principal Investigator/Technical Advisor. \$350,000. Funded by USAID under the Evidence Project. Core support
14. **Improved Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Bangladesh (Bangladesh; 2014-2017)**  
Principal Investigator/Technical Advisor. \$700,000. Funded by USAID Bangladesh under the Evidence Project Field Support.
15. **Link Up: Integrating HIV and SRH Services for Young Key Populations in Myanmar (Myanmar; 2013-2016)**  
Principal Investigator for Myanmar. \$360,000. Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BUZA)
16. **WHO Systematic Review of Financing in Family Planning (Global; 2015-2016)**  
Co-Principal Investigator. \$15,000. Funded by USAID under the Evidence Project. Core support.
17. **Survey on Adolescents in Nepal (Nepal; 2013-2014)**  
Co-Principal Investigator. \$255,000. Funded by UNICEF Nepal Country Office
18. **Evaluation of the Integrated Social Health Protection Scheme (Cambodia; 2012-2014)**  
Principal Investigator. \$355,000. Funded by GIZ Cambodia
19. **Evaluation of the Reproductive Health Vouchers Program (Bangladesh, Cambodia; 2009-2014)**  
Principal Investigator for Bangladesh and Cambodia. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Total Funding: \$8 million.

20. **Growing Up Safe and Healthy (SAFE) (Bangladesh; 2012-2014)**  
Technical Advisor. Funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Bangladesh. Total funding \$3 million
21. **The Development of a Health Management Information Systems for Thai Nguyen Province (Vietnam; 2009-2012)**  
Lead Researcher. Funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. Total funding \$3 million.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

McCarthy K.J., Blanc A.K., Warren C., **Bajracharya, A.**, Bellows, B. (2020) Validating women's reports of antenatal and postnatal care received in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Kenya. *BMJ Global Health* 2020; 5: e002133.

Szabo, S., Nove, A., Matthews, Z., **Bajracharya, A.**, Dhillon, I., Singh, D.R., Saares, A., Campbell, J. (2020). Health workforce demography: A framework to improve understanding of the health workforce and support achievement of the sustainable development goals. *Human Resources for Health*, 18,7. 2020.

Pham, M.D., Aung, P.P., Agius, P.A., Pasricha, N., Oo, S.M, Tun, W., **Bajracharya, A.**, and Luchters, S. (2019). Relationship between self-efficacy and HIV testing uptake among young men who have sex with men in Myanmar: a cross-sectional analysis. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956462418791945>.

Jacobs, B., **Bajracharya, A.**, Saha, J., Chhea, C., Bellows, B., Flessa S., and Fernandes-Antunes, A. (2018). Making free public healthcare attractive: optimizing health equity funds in Cambodia. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. 17:88

Pham, M.D., Aung, P.P., Pasricha, N., Agius. P.A., Tun, W., **Bajracharya, A.**, Luchters, S (2017). Factors Associated with HIV Testing among Young Men who have Sex with Men in Myanmar: A Cross Sectional Study. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*. Vol. 20: e25026

Aung, P.P., Ryan, C., **Bajracharya, A.**, Pasricha, N., Thein, Z.W., Agius, P.A., Sein, T.T., Willenberg, L., Soe, E.M. Zaw, N.T., Tun, W., Yam, E., and Luchters, S. (2017). Effectiveness of an Integrated Community- and Clinic-Based Intervention on HIV Testing, HIV Knowledge, and Sexual Risk Behavior of Young Men who have Sex with Men in Myanmar. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. Vol. 60, No.2, Supplement 2: S42-S53

Bellows, B., Bulaya, C., Inambwae, S., Lissner, C., Ali, M., and **Bajracharya, A.** (2016). Family Planning Vouchers in Low and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review. *Studies in Family Planning*. Vol. 47, No. 4: 357–370

Bellows, B., Behl, R., Abuya, T., Muriuki, A., **Bajracharya, A.**, and Choi, Y. (2016). Benchmarking to assess quality of family planning services: Construction and use of indices for family planning readiness in Kenya with data from 2010 and 2014 in Leisher SH, Sprockett A, Longfield K, and Montagu D (eds.) (2016). *Quality Measurement in Family Planning: Past, Present, Future: Papers from the Bellagio Meeting on Family Planning Quality, October 2015*. Oakland, CA: Metrics for Management

**Bajracharya, A.**, Veasnakiry, L., Rathavy, T. and Bellows, B. (2016). Increasing Uptake of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives in Cambodia through a Voucher Program: Evidence from a Difference-in-Differences Analysis. *Global Health: Science and Practice*. Vol. 4, Supplement 2: S109-S121

Keya, T.K, Rob, U., Rahman, M., **Bajracharya, A.** and Bellows, B. (2015). Distance, Transportation Cost, and Mode of Transport in the Utilization of Facility-Based Maternity Services: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh. *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*. Vol. 35, No. 1: 37-51

**Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2013). 'Evaluation of a Voucher Program in Reducing Inequities in Maternal Health Utilization in Cambodia: A Quasi-Experimental Study'. Abstract. Special Issue for the Global Health Metrics and Evaluation Conference 2013: Data, Debates, and Directions. *The Lancet*. Vol. 381: Published online June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2013). 'Microcredit and Domestic Violence in Bangladesh: An Exploration of Selection Bias Influences'. *Demography*. Vol. 50, No. 5: 1819-1843

**Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2012). 'Poverty, Marriage Timing and Transitions to Adulthood in Nepal: A Longitudinal Analysis using the Nepal Living Standards Survey.' *Studies in Family Planning*. Vol. 43, No. 2: 79-92.

Dunifon, R. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2012). 'The Role of Grandparents in the Lives of Youth.' *Journal of Family Issues*. Vol. 33, No. 9: 1168-1194

Bellows, B., Warren, C., Vonthanak, S., Chhorvann, C., Sokhom, H., Men, C., **Bajracharya, A.**, Rob, U., & Rathavy, T. (2011). 'Evaluation of the Impact of the Voucher and Accreditation Approach on Improving Reproductive Behaviors and Status in Cambodia.' *BMC Public Health*. Vol.11: 667.

**Bajracharya, A.** (2010). 'The Nature of Maternal Work and Children's Schooling in Nepal: The Influence of Income and Time Effects' in *Poverty, Gender, and Youth Working Papers*. No. 21. New York: Population Council.

Dunifon, R., Kalil, A., & **Bajracharya, A.** (2005) 'Maternal working conditions and child wellbeing in welfare-leaving families.' *Developmental Psychology*. Vol. 41, No. 6: 851-859

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Bajracharya, A.**, Breed, E., Heng, M. (2020). Impacts of Flooding on Uptake of Reproductive Health and Family Planning Services in Cambodia.

White, E., **Bajracharya, A.**, and Heng, M. (2019). Contraceptive choice and decision-making among garment factory workers in Cambodia: An exploration of determinants.

**Bajracharya, A.**, Heng, M., and Dingle, A. (2019). Examining the Remarkable Improvements in Method Information Index Scores in Cambodia: Did Social Health Protection Interventions Improve Quality of Family Planning Services?

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Hossain, M.I., Hossain, M.S., Ainul, S. Bhuiyan, M.K., Hossain, S.M.I. Rob, U., **Bajracharya, A.** (2020). Trends in Family Planning Services Before, During and After COVID-19 Lockdowns in Bangladesh: Evidence from National Routine Service Data. Research Brief. Dhaka, Bangladesh: Population Council. September 2020.

Ainul, S., Hossain, M.S., Hossain, M.I., Bhuiyan, M.K., Hossain, S.M.I. Rob, U., **Bajracharya, A.** (2020). Trends in Maternal Health Services Before, During and After COVID-19 Lockdowns in Bangladesh: Evidence from National Routine Service Data. Research Brief. Dhaka, Bangladesh: Population Council. September 2020.

**Lead Author.** Breakthrough-RESEARCH (2020). Social and Behavior Change Programming Landscape for Out-of-School Adolescent and Youth Reproductive Health Programs in the Philippines: A Scoping Review. Programmatic Research Brief. Washington DC: Population Council

**Lead Author.** Breakthrough-RESEARCH and De La Salle University (2020) Improving Reproductive Health and Family Planning Outcomes Among Out-of-School Adolescents and Youth in the Philippines. Programmatic Research Brief. Washington DC and Manila, Philippines: De La Salle University and Population Council

**Lead Technical Author.** The People Living with HIV Stigma 2.0: A Survey on Stigma and Discrimination among People Living with HIV in Cambodia: Research Report (2019) prepared through a collaboration between the Cambodian People Living with HIV Network, Population Council, FHI360 Linkages/USAID, UNAIDS and the National AIDS Authority. Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

**Bajracharya, A.**, Psaki, S.R. and Sadiq, M. (2018). Child Marriage, Adolescent Pregnancy and School Dropout in South Asia. Final Report, June 2018. Population Council and UNICEF- Regional Office South Asia (ROSA)

Amin, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Bongaarts, J., Chau, M., Melnikas, A.J. (2017). Demographic Changes of Nepal: Trends and Policy Implications. Final Report. Kathmandu: Nepal Planning Commission, Government of Nepal

Hossain, M.I., Mahmud, A.A., **Bajracharya, A.**, Rob, U., and L Reichenbach (2017) "Evaluation of effectiveness of HERhealth (Health Enable Returns project) model on improving sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) knowledge and access of female factory workers in the garment sector in Bangladesh," Research Report. Washington, DC & Dhaka, Bangladesh: Population Council, The Evidence Project

Heng, M. and **Bajracharya, A.** (2017). Garment Factory-based Health Interventions in Cambodia: A Comprehensive Review, Research Report. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Population Council, The Evidence Project.

Heng, M, **Bajracharya, A.**, Chhea, C., Ros, B., Heng, S., and Choo, H.J. (2017). Health Needs, Health Seeking Pathways, and Drivers of Health Seeking Behaviors of Female Garment Factory Workers in Cambodia: Findings from a Qualitative Study in Phnom Penh and Kandal Provinces” Policy Brief. Washington DC and Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Population Council, The Evidence Project.

Yat, B., Rodehau, C., and D Wofford (2017). Workplace Health and the Garment Sector in Cambodia: Policy Brief. Washington, D.C. and Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Population Council, The Evidence Project (**as a Contributor**)

Jacobs, B., **Bajracharya, A.**, Saha, J., Chhea, C., Bellows, B., and Fernandes-Antunes, A. (2017). Attracting Poor People to public health facilities to access free health care: An assessment of the Integrated Social Health Protection Scheme. GIZ, Phnom Penh. Working paper.

Ainul, S, **Bajracharya, A.** and Reichenbach, L. and Gilles, K. (2017) Adolescents in Bangladesh: Programmatic Approaches to Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Services, Situational Analysis Report. Washington, DC & Dhaka, Bangladesh: Population Council, Evidence Project.

Ainul, S, **Bajracharya, A.** and Reichenbach, L. (2016) Adolescents in Bangladesh: Programmatic Approaches to Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Services, Policy Brief. Washington DC & Dhaka, Bangladesh: Population Council, Evidence Project.

**Bajracharya, A.**, Bellows, B., Chhea, C., Fernandez-Antunes, A., Jacobs, B. (2015). Policy Brief: The integrated Social Health Protection Scheme (ISHPS) and its effects on uptake of public healthcare among the poor in Cambodia. To be published in GIZ Cambodia’s *Briefings for Health Financing Policymaking in Cambodia Series*.

**Bajracharya, A.**, Bellows, B., Chea, C., Fernandez-Antunes, A., Jacobs, B. (2015). Policy Brief: Household income, large health expenditure, debt and mental and physical health status of poor beneficiaries of integrated social health protection scheme in Cambodia. Published in GIZ Cambodia’s *Briefings for Health Financing Policymaking in Cambodia Series*.

**Population Council and Burnet Institute.** (2015). Sexual health and HIV risk behaviors of men who have sex with men in Myanmar— Baseline findings from Link Up. *Link Up Study Brief*. Washington, DC: Population Council

Amin, S., **Bajracharya A.**, Chau, M and Puri, M. (2015). 'UNICEF Nepal Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP) Baseline Study: Final Report'. New York: Population Council.

Bellows, B., Jacobs, B., **Bajracharya, A.** Hay, S., Fernandez-Antunes, A. (2014) 'Assessing operational efficiency of the 'Integrated Social Health Protection Schemes' of Kampong Thom Province'. Nairobi: Population Council

Amin, S. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2011). 'Costs of Marriage'. *Promoting Healthy, Safe, and Productive Transitions to Adulthood Brief*. No. 35. New York: Population Council. (Translated into Spanish and French)

**Bajracharya, A.**, Jung, W., Prabhakar, B., & Singh, D. (2007). 'The Empowerment of Women from the Excluded Communities in Bihar: A Documentation of the Nari Gunjan Model' in UNICEF-India (Ed.), *Knowledge Community on Children in India (KCCI) Case Studies*, KCCI/2006-012. New Delhi, India: UNICEF

## CONFERENCE/ INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**Bajracharya, A.** (2020, September). World Contraception Day #HerHERO Virtual Forum on Women’s Health, Empowerment and Progress in the Asia Pacific. Organized by Bayer Pharmaceuticals Asia Pacific (Singapore). Invited panel speaker. Singapore. September 25<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**Bajracharya, A.** (2020, August). Session on Innovative Financing for Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Asia and Pacific at the 10<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights Virtual*. Chair.Virtual Conference. August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Bajracharya, A.**, Saggurti, N., Sathar, Z., Heng, M., Pinchoff, J., Mahapatra, B., Sadiq, M. (2020, August). How do environmental changes affect the health and wellbeing of vulnerable populations in South and East Asia: Evidence from country studies in Cambodia, India and Pakistan. Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights Virtual*. Virtual Conference Presentation. August 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Gottert, A., McClair, T., Friedland, B., Sotheariddh, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Almonte, D., Garcia, F., De Valle, A., Yam, E., Kentusi, S., Pulerwitz, J. (2020, July). What shapes resilience among people living with HIV? A multi-country analysis of data from the PLHIV Stigma Index 2.0. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> *Annual AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020 Virtual)*. Virtual Conference. July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- White, E., **Bajracharya, A.**, and Heng, M. (2018, November). Contraceptive choice and decision-making among garment factory workers in Cambodia: An exploration of determinants. Paper presented at the *2018 International Conference on Family Planning*. Kigali, Rwanda. November 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Presented by co-author)
- Heng, M. and **Bajracharya, A.** (2018, November). Determinants of Contraceptive Discontinuation and Switching among Female Garment Factory Workers in Cambodia. Paper presented at the *2018 International Conference on Family Planning*. Kigali, Rwanda. November 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Presented by co-author)
- Hossain, M.I., **Bajracharya, A.**, Mahmud, A.A., Reichenbach, L., and Rob, U (2018, November). Can a peer health educator model improve the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) status among female garment workers? Evidence from Bangladesh. Paper presented at the *2018 International Conference on Family Planning*. Kigali, Rwanda. November 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Presented by co-author)
- Bajracharya, A.** (2018, October). Gender-Biased Sex Selection in South and Southeast Asia: Situational Analyses and Promising Approaches to Counter the Practice. Invited Presentation at the *UNFPA International Workshop Addressing Gender-biased Sex Selection: Experience Sharing among Countries along the Belt and Road Initiative*. Beijing, China. October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Bajracharya, A.** (2018, April). Adolescent Pregnancy, Child Marriage and Early Union in Southeast Asia: An Overview of Evidence and Gaps in Data. Invited Presentation at the *UNFPA/UNICEF Regional Forum on Adolescent Pregnancy, Child Marriage and Early Union in South-East and East Asia*. Bangkok, Thailand. April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2018, April). Contraceptive Use and Unintended Pregnancy among Adolescents in Southeast Asia: Challenges for Unmarried Adolescents. Invited Presentation at the *UNFPA/UNICEF Regional Forum on Adolescent Pregnancy, Child Marriage and Early Union in South-East and East Asia*. Bangkok, Thailand. April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Amin, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Bongaarts, J., Chau, M., Melnikas, A.J. (2017, November). Demographic Changes of Nepal: Trends and Policy Implications. Paper presented at the *9<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights*. Halong Bay, Vietnam. November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Heng, M., Dingle, A., and Jain, A. (2017, November). Examining the Remarkable Improvements in Method Information Index Scores in Cambodia: Did Social Health Protection Interventions Improve Quality of Family Planning Services? Poster presented at the *XXVIII International Population Conference of the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)* Cape Town, South Africa. October 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Amin, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Bongaarts, J., Chau, M., Melnikas, A.J. (2017, November). Nepal's Demographic Transition: Opportunities for Investment and Policy Implications in a Unique Socio-demographic Context. Paper presented at the *XXVIII International Population Conference of the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)* Cape Town, South Africa. October 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Presented by co-author)
- Hossain, M.I., **Bajracharya, A.**, Mahmud, A.A., Reichenbach, L., and Rob, U (2018, November). Can a peer health educator model improve the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) status among female garment workers in Bangladesh? Poster presented at the *XXVIII International Population Conference of the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)* Cape Town, South Africa. October 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Presented by co-author)
- Heng, M, **Bajracharya, A.**, Chhea, C., Ros, B., Heng, S., and Choo, H.J. (2017, November). Health Needs, Health Seeking Pathways, and Drivers of Health Seeking Behaviors of Female Garment Factory Workers in Cambodia: A Focus on Reproductive Health and Family Planning. Poster presented at the *XXVIII International Population Conference of the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)* Cape Town, South Africa. October 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Bajracharya, A.**, Amin, S. and Psaki, S. (2017, October). ‘The Power of Educating Girls’. Invited Presentation at the UNICEF Regional Office South Asia (ROSA) Regional Management Meeting for all South Asia. Kolkata, India. October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Bajracharya, A.**, Heng, M., Dingle, A., and Jain, A. (2017, April). Examining the Remarkable Improvements in Method Information Index Scores in Cambodia: Did Social Health Protection Interventions Improve Quality of Family Planning Services? Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America*. Chicago, IL, USA. April 26<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Amin, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Bongaarts, J., Chau, M., Melnikas, A.J. (2017, March). Demographic Changes of Nepal: Trends and Policy Implications. Nepal Planning Commission-UNICEF Final Report Dissemination. Kathmandu, Nepal. March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2017, February). Demographic Trends and Health: Implications for the Health Workforce. Invited Presentation at the Session on Health Workforce Demography: A framework to ensure the health of vulnerable populations, attainment of universal health coverage, and advancement towards the SDGs. *Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) 2017*. Bangkok, Thailand. January 29<sup>th</sup>- February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.



- Bajracharya, A.** (2016, October). Population Council's Research on Adolescents in South and Southeast Asia: Cross Regional Perspectives. Invited Presentation at the UNFPA Adolescent Research Day Forum, Vientiane, Lao, PDR. October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Bajracharya, A.,** Amin, S. and Bongaarts, J. (2016, October). The Demographic Transition and Opportunities for Nepal: How Can Nepal Take Advantage of the Demographic Dividend? Invited Presentation at the National Technical Forum for the Child Grant, UNICEF and Government of Nepal and UNICEF Nepal Speaker Series. Kathmandu, Nepal. October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Bajracharya, A.** and Haberland, N. (2016, August). Why include Gender and Power in Sexuality & HIV education? Invited Presentation at UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women and UNESCO Regional Consultation to Advance Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Gender Equality. Bangkok, Thailand. August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Tun, W., Aung, P.P., **Bajracharya, A.,** Yam, E., Ryan, C., Oo, S.M., Thein, Z.W., Paing, A.K., Pasricha, N., Willenberg, L., Agius, P., Sein, T.T., Htun, S., Latt, N.Z., Luchters, S. (2016, July). Does Sexual Identity Matter in Accessing Services? Risk Profile and Health Seeking Behaviors of Different Sexual Identity Types of Young Men who have Sex with Men in Myanmar. Paper presented at the *21<sup>st</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2016)*. Durban, South Africa. July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. (Presented by co-author)
- Hossain, I., Mahmud, A.A., **Bajracharya, A.,** Rob, U. (2016, April). Exploring Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Knowledge and Behaviors of Recent Migrant Female Garment Factory Workers of Dhaka. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America*. Washington, DC, USA. March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- Bajracharya, A.,** Tun, W., Aung, P.P., Ryan, C., Sein, T.T., Soe, E.M. (2016, March). HIV Testing and Risky Sexual Behaviors of young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) in Six Townships in Myanmar: Findings from the Link Up Study. Poster presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh. March 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Aung, P.P., Pasricha, N., Thein, Z.W., **Bajracharya, A.,** Sein, T.T., Tun, W., Luchters, S (2016, March). Barriers and enablers to accessing HIV and sexual health services among men who have sex with men in Myanmar: A qualitative inquiry. Paper presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh. March 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (Presented by co-author)
- Bajracharya A** and Bellows, B. (2016, January). Equity analysis of the FP voucher in Cambodia. Paper presented at the *2016 International Conference on Family Planning*, Nusa Dua, Indonesia. January 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Bellows, B., Abuya, T., Bulaya, C., Inambwae, S., **Bajracharya A.** (2016, January). Literature review of family planning vouchers: Are vouchers equity enhancing? Paper presented at the *2016 International Conference on Family Planning*, Nusa Dua, Indonesia. January 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (Paper presented by co-author)
- Saha, J., **Bajracharya, A.,** Amin, S., Naved, R. (2016, January). Awareness and usage of Family Planning (FP) among Females in the Urban Slums of Dhaka. Paper presented at the *2016 International Conference on Family Planning*, Nusa Dua, Indonesia. January 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. (Presented by co-author)
- Bellows, B., **Bajracharya A.,** Bulaya, C., Inambwae, S. (2015, June) Family Planning Vouchers to Improve the Delivery and Uptake of Contraception in Low and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review. Paper presented at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Ainul, S., **Bajracharya, A.,** Rob, U., Comins, C. (2015, May). Reviewing programs and interventions addressing sexual and reproductive health of adolescent girls and young women in urban Bangladesh? Abstract presented at the *International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (Presented by co-author)
- Hossain, I., Ainul, S., Haque, E.F., **Bajracharya, A.,** Naved, R. and Amin, S. (2015, May) 'Knowledge and Practices Associated with Sexual and Reproductive Health among Slum Living Young Women: Impact of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial in Dhaka, Bangladesh'. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Population Association of America*. San Diego, CA, USA. April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. (Presented by co-author)
- Bajracharya, A.** (2015, March). Data utilization and components of an information management system. Invited presentation presented at the *Consultation on Information Management* organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Pattaya, Thailand, March 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Bellows, B., **Bajracharya A.,** Abuya, T., and Warren, C. (2014, November). 'Serving Disadvantaged Populations and Improving Quality of Care: Findings from the Reproductive Health Vouchers Evaluation'. Presentation for the *Global Dissemination of the Population Council's RH Voucher Evaluation* at Center for Global Development. Washington, DC, USA. November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

- Bajracharya, A.** (2014, November). 'Quality of Care In Reproductive Health And Family Planning: The Evolution Of Quality of Care Frameworks & State of the Research and Evidence'. Invited Presentation presented at the Quality of Care Meetings at the *International Planned Parenthood Federation*. London, UK. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.
- Bajracharya, A.** and Bellows, B. (2014, October). 'An Impact Evaluation of a Voucher Program in Increasing Uptake and Reducing Inequities in Maternal Healthcare Services in Cambodia: Evidence from a Difference-in-Differences Analysis'. Paper presented at the *Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research*. Cape Town, South Africa. September 30<sup>th</sup> -October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2014, June). Session on Family Planning. Invited Presentation at the *First National Population Conference in Nepal*. Kathmandu, Nepal. June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Ainul, S., Hossain, I., **Bajracharya, A.**, Amin, S. and Naved, R. (2014, June). 'Are Menstrual Regulation (MR) Clients at a Higher Risk of Domestic Violence in Bangladesh? : Evidence from the Urban Slums in Dhaka'. Paper to be presented at the *IUSSP International Seminar on Decision-making regarding Abortion: Determinants and Consequences*. Nanyuki, Kenya, June 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (Presented by co-author)
- Bajracharya, A.** and Bellows, B. (2013, November). 'The Impact of a Reproductive Health Voucher Program on Increasing Uptake of Long Acting and Permanent Family Planning Methods in Cambodia: Evidence from a Difference in Difference Analysis'. Paper presented at the *2013 International Conference on Family Planning*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 12<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2013, August). 'The Influence of Social Health Protection Mechanisms and Community Level Factors on Facility Delivery and Antenatal Care Use in Cambodia: A Multilevel Modeling Approach'. Paper to be presented at the *XXVII International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) International Population Conference*. Busan, South Korea, August 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. (Unable to attend)
- Bajracharya, A.** *Discussant*. 'Seminar on Issues in Education and Health: Policy Insights from Evidence Based Research'. International Growth Centre. Dhaka, Bangladesh. July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2012, June). 'Evaluation of a Voucher Program in Reducing Inequities in Maternal Health Utilization in Cambodia: A Quasi-Experimental Study'. Paper presented at the *Global Health Metrics and Evaluation Conference 2013*. Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle, WA, USA. June 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Amin, S., Rahman, L., Hossain, M.I, Ainul, S., Naved, R.T. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2013). 'Health and Social-Behavioral Outcomes of Migrant Women Residing in the Urban Slums of Dhaka: Preliminary Evidence from the SAFE Study'. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. New Orleans, LA, USA. April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (Presented by co-author)
- Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2012, November). 'The Role of a Targeted Reproductive Health Voucher program in Improving Access, Quality and Equity in Maternal and Reproductive Healthcare Services in Facilities in Cambodia: Generating Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Evaluation Model'. Poster presented at the *Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research*. Beijing, China. October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2012, August). 'Determinants of Facility Based Deliveries and Antenatal Care Use in Cambodia: Evidence from the Recent Increase in Service Uptake'. Paper presented at the *2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference*. Bangkok, Thailand. 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A. & Bellows, B. (2012, August). 'Determinants of Facility Based Deliveries and Antenatal Care Use in Cambodia: Implications for Universal vs. Targeted Strategy'. Paper presented at the *IUSSP International Seminar on Increasing the Use of Reproductive Health Services through Community Based and Healthcare Financing Programmes: Impact and Sustainability*. Bangkok, Thailand. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.
- Chhorvann, C., Vonthanak, S., **Bajracharya, A.**, Dingle, A., & Bellows, B. (2012, August). 'Health Expenditures of Women using Reproductive Health Services at Public Health Facilities in Cambodia'. Paper presented at the *IUSSP International Seminar on Increasing the Use of Reproductive Health Services through Community Based and Healthcare Financing Programmes: Impact and Sustainability*. Bangkok, Thailand. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Miller, P., Mai, T., & Nguyen, L. (2012, May). 'The Determinants of Abortion in a High Contraceptive- Use Setting in a Northern Province in Vietnam'. Paper presented at Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. San Francisco, CA, USA. May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- Bajracharya, A.**, Mai, T., & Nguyen, L. (2011, December). 'Contraceptive Use and Abortion in Vietnam: An Exploration of the Determinants of High Usage of Both Methods in a Rural Setting in Northern Vietnam'. Paper presented at the *2011 International Conference on Family Planning*. Dakar, Senegal. November 29<sup>th</sup>- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.
- Amin, S. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2011, December). 'Marriage and First Birth Intervals in Early and Late Marrying Societies: An Exploration of Determinants'. Paper presented at the *2011 International Conference on Family Planning*. Dakar, Senegal. November 29<sup>th</sup>- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.
- Amin, S. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2011, April). 'Marriage and First Birth Intervals in Early and Late Marrying Societies: An Exploration of Determinants'. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. Washington, DC, USA. March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. (Presented by co-author)
- Amin, S. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2010, July). 'The Kishori Abhijan Project of Bangladesh: How the Dowry System Interacts with Marriage Age.' Invited presentation at the *Penn-UNICEF Summer Program on Advances in Social Norms and Social Change*. Philadelphia, PA, USA. July 5<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2010, April). 'Poverty, Microcredit Program Membership and Domestic Violence in Bangladesh: A Study using Propensity Score Matching'. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. Dallas, TX, USA. April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2010). *Discussant*. 'Globalization and Family Changes' (2010, April), at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. Dallas, TX, USA. April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2010, March). 'Poverty, Microcredit Program Membership and Domestic Violence in Bangladesh: A Study using Propensity Score Matching'. Paper presented at the *Seminar on the Population Council's Global Program on Poverty, Gender and Youth*. Dhaka, Bangladesh. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2009, September). 'Poverty, Marriage Timing and Transitions to Adulthood in Nepal: A Longitudinal Analysis using the Nepal Living Standards Survey'. Paper presented at The XXVI *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) International Population Conference*. Marrakech, Morocco. September 27<sup>th</sup>- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.
- Bajracharya, A.** & Amin, S. (2009, April). 'Poverty, Marriage Timing and Transitions to Adulthood in Nepal: A Longitudinal Analysis using the Nepal Living Standards Survey' Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. Detroit, MI, USA. April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2008, April). 'The Nature of Maternal Work and Children's Health and Educational Outcomes in Nepal: A Study using the Nepal Living Standards Survey of 1995/6 and 2003/04 (NLSS). Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. New Orleans, LA, USA. April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2007, November) 'Nonstandard Work, Father Involvement and Adolescent Wellbeing in Dual-Earner Families'. Paper presented at the Fall Meeting of the *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)*. Washington, DC, USA. November 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- Bajracharya, A.** (2007, March) 'Nonstandard Work Arrangements among Dual Earner Couples and Children's Outcomes'. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. New York, NY, USA. March 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2007
- Bajracharya, A.** (2006, November) 'Nonstandard Work and Work-Family Strategies in Dual- Earner Families: Associations of voluntary and involuntary arrangements of work schedules and children's outcomes'. Paper presented at the Fall Meeting of the *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)*. Madison, WI, USA. November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- Bajracharya, A.**, Jung, W., Prabhakar, B., Singh, D. (2006, August) 'The Empowerment of Women from the Excluded Communities in Bihar: A Documentation of the Nari Gunjan Model'. Paper presented at the Closing Workshop of the UNICEF *Knowledge Community on Children in India (KCCI) Internship Program*. New Delhi, India. August 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- Dunifon, R. & **Bajracharya, A.** (2006, April) 'The Role of Grandparents in the Lives of Youth'. Preliminary version presented at the Annual Meetings of the *Population Association of America (PAA)*. Los Angeles, CA, USA. March 30<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.
- Dunifon, R., Kalil, A., & **Bajracharya, A.** (2005, April) 'The influence of mothers' employment behavior and job characteristics on low-income children'. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Atlanta, GA. USA. April 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**MEDIA MENTIONS**

'Amid Population Boom in Pandemic: Right Choices, Information Key to Unplanned Births – PopCom'. *The Manila Times*. September 27<sup>th</sup>. 2020

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/09/27/news/national/right-choices-information-key-to-unplanned-births-popcom/772416/>

Innovative reproductive health efforts, financing crucial during pandemic. *The Jakarta Post*. September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2020/09/15/innovative-reproductive-health-efforts-financing-crucial-during-pandemic.html>

Interview Feature on the Cambodia WorkerHealth Project. *Family Planning Voices*. March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

<http://fpvoices.tumblr.com/post/172408613109/ashish-bajracharya-120-under-40-winner-country>

'A Much Older Tomorrow'. Multimedia Feature. *The Nepali Times*. March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<https://nepalitimes.atavist.com/a-much-older-tomorrow>

'Misconceptions an obstacle to contraception use: study'. *The Phnom Penh Post*. September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

<https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/misconceptions-obstacle-contraception-use-study>

'Vouchers increase access to IUDs: study'. *The Phnom Penh Post*. August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

<https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/vouchers-increase-access-iuds-study>

**WORKSHOPS/CAPACITY BUILDING/TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Satellite Session: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health through Workplace Interventions in South and Southeast Asia at the 9<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights*. Halong Bay, Vietnam. (Organizer, Facilitator, Presenter; November 2017)

Population Council Regional Workshop on Evidence-Based Scaling Up of Programs to Address Child Marriage. Kathmandu, Nepal. (Organizer, November 2016)

Satellite Session: Link Up - An Evaluation of an Integrated Community and Clinic-Based Intervention to Improve the Sexual Health of Men who have Sex with Men in Myanmar at the 8<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights*. Yangon, Myanmar. (Organizer, Facilitator, Presenter; February 2016)

Dhaka University, Department of Population Sciences. Lecture on Research and Grant Proposal Writing. Dhaka, Bangladesh (Guest Lecturer, September 2014).

Population Council Joint Africa and Asia Writing Workshop for the Vouchers for Reproductive Health Program, Nairobi, Kenya (Facilitator, July 2014)

Population Council and icddr,b Joint Writing Workshop for the SAFE Project, Dhaka, Bangladesh (Facilitator and Mentor; July 2013)

Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group for the Vouchers for Reproductive Health Program, Siem Reap, Cambodia (Organizer; May 2013)

Population Council Writing Workshop for Vouchers for Reproductive Health, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. (Facilitator and Mentor; October 2011 and November 2012)

Population Council Scientific Writing Workshop for Research Partners in Vietnam, Danang, Vietnam. (Facilitator and Mentor; September 2011)

Institute for Population, Health and Development (PHAD), Hanoi, Vietnam (Guest Lecturer, Applied Regression Methods; July and December 2011)

Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management (Teaching Assistant, Research Methods in Policy Analysis; Spring 2004)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Accelerated Talent Development Program.** Population Council. 2020-2021

**Advance Family Planning - Evidence-Informed Policy Advocacy. Asia Regional Workshop.** Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Population Council. New Delhi, India. April 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**INGO Shared Value Practitioners Forum.** Organized by the Shared Value Initiative. Rome, Italy. June 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Population Council Leadership Development Program.** Organized by Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University. Greentree Foundation, Long Island, NY, USA. October 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

**Intensive Course on Implementation Science for Family Planning and Reproductive Health.** Organized by the University of Washington, Department of Global Health, Seattle, WA, USA (funded by The Evidence Project). August 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

**Co-Chair, Scientific Committee and Member, International Steering Committee.** 10<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights*. Siem Reap, Cambodia, May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Transitioned into a virtual conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

**Member, International Reference Group.** UNICEF-UNFPA Study on Child Marriage in Humanitarian Settings in South Asia. 2019-2020

**Member, International Reference Group.** UNICEF-UNFPA Study on Key Drivers of Child Marriage in South Asia. 2017-2018

**Member, Maternal and Child Health Sub Technical Working Group.** Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Cambodia. 2016-2019

**Member, International Steering Committee** (Scientific Committee). 9<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights*. Halong Bay, Vietnam. November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Lead Organizer and Facilitator.** *Nepal Association at Cornell*. 2003-2008

### Journal Referee:

*Demography*  
*Studies in Family Planning*  
*Journal of Marriage and Family*  
*Social Science and Medicine*  
*Health Policy and Planning*  
*PLOS One*  
*Journal of Adolescent Health*  
*Asian Population Studies*  
*Journal of Health, Nutrition and Population*  
*Feminist Economics*  
*Poverty, Gender, and Youth Working Papers*  
*Human Nature*

## AFFILIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

### Professional Societies:

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)  
 Population Association of America (PAA)  
 Asian Population Association (APA)  
 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

### Institutional Partnerships:

De La Salle University: Social Development Research Center. The Philippines (Research Partner)  
 National Institute for Public Health (NIPH), Cambodia (Research Partner)

Center for Research on Environment, Health and Population Activities (CREHPA), Nepal (Research Partner)  
Burnet Institute, Myanmar (Research Partner)  
Center for Advanced Studies (CAS), Cambodia (Research Partner)  
Institute for Population, Health and Development (PHAD), Vietnam (Research Partner)  
Institute for Social and Environmental Research (ISER), Nepal (Visiting Scholar)

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Winner. *120 Under 40: The New Generation of Family Planning Leaders*. Awarded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (2017)  
*Nepal Vidhya Bhushan* Gold Medal Class 'A' awarded by the President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav (2013)  
Fred H. Bixby Postdoctoral Fellowship, Population Council (2008-2010)  
Department of Policy Analysis and Management Summer Research Grant (2004-2008)  
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies Research Travel Grant (2005-2007)  
Trustee Scholar at Ohio Wesleyan University (1999-2003)  
Helen and Barney Wood Nepalese Scholar at Ohio Wesleyan University (1999-2003)  
Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University (2000-2003)  
Christian Kamm Scholar (Department of Economics) at Ohio Wesleyan University (2002-2003)  
Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society (2003)  
Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society (2003)  
Mortar Board Honor Society (2003)  
National Merit List (Board), Government of Nepal, School Leaving Certificate (SLC) Examination (1995)  
(Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of approximately 150,000 students)

## **COMPUTING SKILLS**

Proficient in the applications of STATA and SPSS for econometric and demographic data analysis.  
Working knowledge of GIS mapping applications of STATA and ESRI ArcGIS.  
Working knowledge of SAS

## **LANGUAGES**

English (Native Fluency); Nepali (Native); Newari (Native); Hindi (Fluent); Bangla (Basic)