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## Department News



Professor Bownas received a Fulbright Scholar Award for study in Nepal from January to July 2024. During this time, he will continue to pursue his research interest in the 'micro politics' of Nepal's democracy. He plans to conduct over one hundred oral history interviews with senior citizens from Nepal, focusing on those in rural areas. He is exploring their experience of democratization over the last 40 years, and trying to find out if

their experience with political parties and local government institutions matches the grand narratives about democracy written from elite perspectives. Fulbright Scholar Awards are among the most prestigious international research grants, and have been awarded by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs since 1946.