

Gyan Nyaupane from Arizona State University, USA: Semester 2 2018

Where have you come from, and what do you teach?

courses on tourism and community development. Some of the courses I teach include sustainable tourism, international tourism, tourism planning, and critical issues in community development.



Professor Nyaupane visiting Aoraki/Mt. Cook National Park

What interested you in the Erskine Programme/why did you want to come to UC?

It was my host Dr Girish Prayag in the Department of Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, who I have known for many years, who introduced me the Erskine Programme. I did my Master's at Lincoln University and lived in Christchurch for some time. I have been extremely lucky to

have the opportunity to revisit New Zealand with my family after 19 years and work with the internationally accomplished faculty at UC.

What have you been doing at UC?

I have been co-teaching a course, "Sustainable Tourism Enterprises and Destinations." My section of the course covers sustainability issues and challenges of managing tourism destinations and solutions. I covered several topics, including climate change, carbon footprint, green behaviour, green marketing, and quality assurance tools. I have also contributed to the Business Research Methods course. I have been working with faculty members in the UC Business School on organizational resilience. I delivered a seminar to faculty and post-graduate students on Appreciative Inquiry, a participatory action research tool. The seminar was based on the two research projects conducted in Nepal and the USA to comprehend the interrelationships among conservation, livelihood, and tourism development in rural communities.

What have you most enjoyed about your time here at UC/Christchurch?

I have enjoyed being part of the UC community. The staff in the department were very welcoming and friendly. The Erskine Programme provided me the opportunity to meet and connect with so many established and emerging scholars and students at UC. I really enjoyed having hallway conversations with everyone in the department. It's a beautiful campus, and my family and I went for a walk around the campus almost every day.