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### **RECENT RESEARCH**

Graham E. Clarke.

"Socio-Cultural Factors in Himalayan Rural Development."

Sponsor: UK Economic and Social Research Council

Objectives: (1) to examine the significance of social and cultural factors on the acceptance and impact of development assistance in highland Nepal; and (2) to analyze the manner in which egalitarian and authoritarian institutions facilitate and hinder such programs of directed change.

Linda L. Iltis

"Roles and Meanings in Classical Dance Drama of Nepal."

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities

Objectives: (1) to analyse the drama and dance choreography and musical performance structures of the Jala Pyakha (classical dance drama); and (2) to document the Jala Pyakha tradition through audio and video recordings.

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"Effects of the introduction of Western-style preschools in rural Nepal"

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