My long-term affiliations with the SWS community and Padma Kanya Multiple College-Tribhuvan University have been extremely valuable to my transnational scholarship and activism. These professional ties have enabled me to connect gender scholars and activists from the Global North and South. In this capacity, I was very excited to nominate my alma mater, Padma Kanya Multiple College’s Women’s and Gender Studies Department as an SWS Global Feminist Partner.

This partnership has already resulted in some collaborative engagements. In the summer of 2013, I visited Padma Kanya Multiple College and met with the Women’s and Gender Studies board members. Some of these members are prominent Nepali gender scholars and activists, including Dr. Chandra Bhadra, Dr. Bindu Pokharel, Lily Thapa, and Mira Mishra. We discussed possible long-term partnerships such as a Visiting Fellowship for Faculty and Students. During the visit, Dr. Chandra Bhadra and I co-delivered a lecture for the graduate students in the Gender Studies Program.

In March 2014, I invited Bandana Rana to be a part of the UN CSW58 SWS panel “Feminine Socialization to Feminist Social Change.” I invited Rana for many reasons: (a) she is extensively affiliated with the Women’s and Gender Studies community in Nepal; (b) she has been a long time NGO worker and activist in Nepal; (c) she serves on the UN Women Advisory Board; and (d) she is also a part of the official Nepal government delegation for the UN CSW. Although Bandana Rana was on a tight schedule during the CSW 58 Session, she made a point to attend our session and share her perspectives. Her visions were extremely valuable. I hope our partnership will bring many more opportunities for scholarly and activist collaborations in the near future.