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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated teacher and researcher with strength in teaching in subject of the history of Modern India, history of frontiers and borderlands in South Asia, non-Indian history such as the history Southeast Asia, history of USA, and history of Europe, providing both practical and theoretical knowledge. Works with learners closely to develop vital and functional skills required to complete learning programs. Delivers excellent mentorship by supporting students from all backgrounds, abilities and aspirations to fulfil potential through learning. Have widely published in reputed international journals.

EDUCATION

1. Doctor of Philosophy, History, 2007
North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India
2. Master of Arts, History, 1999
Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur, India
3. Bachelor of Arts, History, 1996
Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur, India

Positions held

Professor 12/2024 to till date

Department of History & Archaeology, Nagaland University, Kohima

Associate Professor 1/2020 - 12/2024

Department of History, Manipur University, Imphal

Assistant Professor 6/2009 - 1/2020

Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal

Award & Fellowship

- UGC Raman Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Indian Scholars in the United States, 2014-15 at Arizona State University, USA.
- UGC Junior Research Fellowship, 2000

Research interest

Frontier and borderlands history of South Asia, military history, colonialism and the tribes of Northeast India and Burma (Myanmar), missionary activities and emergence of Christianity in the India-Myanmar borderland, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Pum Khan Pau, *Indo-Burma Frontier and the Making of the Chin Hills: Empire and Resistance*, London, Routledge, 2020.
2. Pum Khan Pau, *Unconventional Warfare: Small Wars and Insurgencies in the India-Myanmar Borderland (1914-1945)*, London, Routledge, 2025.
3. Thongkholal Haokip & Pum Khan Pau, *Forgotten Fighters: Heroes of the Anglo-Kuki War 1917-1919*, London, Routledge (forthcoming)

Articles in Journals

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2. Pum Khan Pau, 'The Interventionist British and the peace between the Meiteis and the Kamhaus', *29th Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Dibrugarh University, 2008 pp. 342-351.
3. Pum Khan Pau, 'The Chin Uprising, 1917-1919: A preliminary study', *30th Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam, 2009, pp.315-323.
4. Pum Khan Pau, 'Unsung heroes of the Hills: The Chin Levies during the Second World War', *31st Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya, 2010, pp. 305-315.
4. Pum Khan Pau, 'Rethinking Religious Conversion: Missionary endeavour and indigenous response among the Zo (Chin) of the India-Burma borderland', *Journal of Religion and Society*, Vol. 14, 2012, pp.1-17, (<http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/current.html>) (Refereed, published by Kripke Center), ISSN 1522-5668.
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7. Pum Khan Pau, 'Forgotten Route: The Tedim Road during the Second World War', *32nd Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Tripura University, Agartala, 2011, pp.357-365.
8. Pum Khan Pau, 'Manipur and the Chin Hills: James Johnstone's proposal for annexation of Chin Hills Reviewed', *33rd Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, 2012, pp.437-444.
9. Pum Khan Pau, 'Words as Weapon: Impact of Propaganda on local population during the Second World War', *34th Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, Manipur University, 2013, pp. 490-497.
10. Pum Khan Pau, 'Situating Local Events in Geo-Political Struggles between the British and Japanese empires: the Politics of Zo Participation during the Second World War', in *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, vol. 42, No. 2, 2014, pp. 667-692 (Routledge).
11. Pum Khan Pau, 'Disarmament and Resistance in Colonial Burma: A Case Study of the Chin Hills', *Journal of Burma Studies*, vol. 21 no.2, December 2017.
12. Pum Khan Pau, 'Reconfigured frontier: British policy towards the Chin-Lushai Hills, 1881-1898', *NEHU Journal*, vol. 16, no. 1, January-June 2018.
13. Pum Khan Pau, 'Behind the enemy lines: British-led guerrilla operations in the Indo-Burma frontier during the Second World War', *Small Wars and Insurgencies* vol. 30, no. 2, 2019.
14. Pum Khan Pau, 'Imperial transportation in British Asia: Burma 1941-41', *History: Reviews of New Books*, Routledge, 48:1, 24-25 DOI: 10.1080/03612759.2020.1697316
15. Pum Khan Pau, 'Transborder people, connected history: Border and relationships in the Indo-Burma borderlands' *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, vol. 35, no. 4, 2020, pp. 619-639.
16. Pum Khan Pau and Thang Sian Mung, 'Fragmented Tribes of the India-Burma-Bangladesh Borderlands: Representation of the Zo (Kuki-Chin) People in Colonial Ethnography', *Asian Ethnicity*, vol. 23, no. 3, 2021, pp. 608-29.
17. Pum Khan Pau, 'Amalgamation Policy Revisited: Three British Proposals Towards Indo-Burma Frontier', *Journal of North East India Studies*, vol. 2, no. 1, January-June 2021, pp. 1-16.
18. Pum Khan Pau, 'War within a war: Labour Corps and local response in Chin Hills during the First World War', *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 2022 DOI: 10.1080/09592318.2022.2055410

19. Pum Khan Pau, 'Small wars as "savage warfare": rethinking colonial counterinsurgency operations in Northeast India and Northwest Burma (1826-1919)', *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, vol. 34, no. 3, 2023, pp. 571-96.

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1. 'The Sukte Paramountcy in Northern Chin Hills', K. Robin (ed.) *Chin: History, Culture and Identity*, Dominant publication, New Delhi, 2009, pp. 128-147. ISBN 81-7888-6995.

2. 'Colonialism vs Chieftainship: The Making of the Colonial 'Agent' in Chin Hills', in S. Thianlalmuan Ngaihte and L.T. Sasang Guite (ed) *Democratisation Process in North East India: Some issues and challenges*, New Delhi: Gyan Publisher, 2014, pp. 211-225.

3. 'Colonial modernity and the making of identity: A preliminary study of the Zo', Sangita Saikia ed. *Studies in Globalisation and Tribal Life in India*, New Delhi, Lakshi, 2015, pp. 79-95.

4. 'Propaganda and indigenous response during the Second World War: The case of the Zo people of Indo-Burma borderland', Sajal Nag and Ishrat Alam ed. *Blending Nation and Region*, New Delhi: Primus publication 2017, pp. 299-324.

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8. Pum Khan Pau, 'Thorn in the heel: Articulating the centrality of gun in British encounter with indigenous hill people in the India-Burma frontier', Ashutosh Kumar & Kaushik Roy ed. *Warfare and Society in British India, 1857-1947*, London: Routledge, pp. 143-57.

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