



## Kim Frank FN'18

will give a presentation on her latest Flag expedition to North-Eastern India researching human-elephant conflict & coexistence



Kim Frank FN'18 in India on Flag Expedition 2021

**Friday, January 27th**  
**TEC NorCA Chapter Zoom Meeting**

**We are honored to have Kim Frank FN' 18, join us for our January 27th NorCA Zoom presentation. Kim's presentation will begin with a 11-minute film**

**Seeking Coexistence:** Kim Frank Explores Human-Elephant Conflict in India.

In India's eastern Himalaya, where humans and Asian elephants inhabit the same shrinking forests and foothills, a story of struggle unfolds. Working alongside local advocates and communities, a multimedia storyteller brings the tale to a global audience — through magazine articles, and now a book and documentary film **in production**.

In “Seeking Coexistence,” explorer Kim Frank shares her experiences from six years of study, exploration, and reporting on human-elephant conflict in northeastern India. From living with a former princess turned India's only female mahout to experiencing the all-night front-line battle between farmers and elephants over food to leading an Explorers Club flag expedition to identify unique solutions toward coexistence, Kim will be sharing stories from the field during the height of the conflict season.

Her main objective has been to increase awareness in Western audiences — highlighting a regional issue on a global stage. But it is the individuals and animals on the ground whose voices she hopes to capture, and who will ultimately lead the way from conflict to coexistence.

**Kim Frank’s Bio:**

Whether writing about an expedition to explore the Titanic, setting the speed record for an electric vehicle, or documenting the human-elephant conflict in northeast India, Kim Frank’s eye for story and gift for prose brings conservation, exploration, and adventure to light.

Frank is an Explorers Club Fellow, whose work has been published in *Earth Island Journal*, *Oceanographic Magazine*, *The Explorers Journal*, *Maptia*, *American Literary Review*, *Sidetracked Magazine*, *DuPont Registry*, *FRANK*, and in *SVPN* magazine where she served as Editor from 2014-2017. Her books include *Born to Ice* with *National Geographic* photographer Paul Nicklen, and *Amaze* with Sea Legacy founder Cristina Mittermeier.

A 2014 Idaho Literature Fellow with an MFA from the Warren Wilson Program for Writers and an MSW from the University of Pennsylvania, Kim was a 2013 Ucross Artist Residency Fellow. She is currently working on both a book and documentary film about human-Asian elephant conflict in the Eastern Himalaya, and in July of 2022 was awarded an Explorers Club Flag for leading the Asian Elephant from Conflict to Coexistence project.

Learn more about Kim at <https://kimfrankwriter.com> or follow her stories on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kimfrankwriter/)

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