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Education

- Ph.D (Full time under UGC-Junior and Senior Research Fellowship) under the guidance of Dr. M. Balasubramanian, Professor, Dept of English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 2006
- M.A. Tamil, Madurai Kamaraj University(CDE), Madurai, 2018
- PGCTE, English and Foreign Languages University,Hyderabad 2011
- M.Phil (FT) Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli(Passed with Distinction),1999
- M. A. English Lady Doak College, Madurai (Proficiency First Prize), 1996-1998
- B.A. Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli(Proficiency Second Prize), 1993-1996
- Cleared University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test with Junior Research Fellowship. NET-JRF June 1999
- Cleared State Level Eligibility Test. 1999

Professional Experience

- Taught at Regional Engineering College(NIT, Trichy)1999 (August-December)
- Lecturer, Lady Doak College, Madurai. 2000(January-October)
- Lecturer, Karunya University, Coimbatore. 2005(June-December)
- Assistant Professor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 2006-2018
- Associate Professor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 2018- Till Date

Teaching and Current Research areas

- Holocaust Studies
- Women's Life Writing
- Bakhtinian Poetics
- Linguistics and Translation

Professional Affiliations

- Life Member of the Library of the Indo-American Centre for International Studies, Hyderabad.
- Life Member, Forum for Contemporary Theory, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Life Member, Indian Association for Women Studies, New Delhi

Awards/Fellowship

- Fellow, Summer Institute for Israel Studies, Schusterman Centre for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. June 28-July 9 in Waltham, US, July 10-19,2023 in Israel.
- Shastri Mobility Programme, Three week research fellowship at University of Waterloo, Canada, funded by Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, New Delhi, January 3-22,2022.
- Attended Curt. C. Else Silberman Seminar for Faculty, organized by Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from June 6-17, 2016.
- Best Library User Award for three consecutive years, (2014, 2015 and 2016), by the University Library, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

Board of Studies – Member

Jamal Mohammed College, Tiruchirappalli, University Representative
Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, University Representative, 6.4.18
Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, University Representative, 7.4.18
Lady Doak College, Madurai, Member
Fatima College, Madurai 2022
St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, University Representative, 2024

Additional Responsibilities

- Library in charge, Department of English, 2010-2013
- Coordinator of Examinations, Department of English, 2015-2019
- Director, Centre for Canadian Studies, 2018-2021
- Training Partner Coordinator, Naan Mudhalvan Skill Development Scheme, 2023

Publications

Book

- Delano, Laura *A Sociopoetic Study of Maya Angelou's Autobiographies*, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011. Print. ISBN 9783844383287

Course Content Contribution

- Written the component on **Reading** for 3 semesters, in the *Communicative English Textbook*, a State Level Project for Undergraduate Students, commissioned by Tamilnadu State Council for Higher Education-TANSCH (currently used in colleges of Tamilnadu), 2020-2021.
- Written three lessons on Emily Dickinson for MA Course offered by Centre for Distance Education, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, 2015.

Research Articles

Primary Author

1. *From Mary Woolstonecraft to Elaine Showalter: A Feminist History*, Laura Dameris Chellajothi, Manarkeni, (UGC Care Group II Journal) ISSN 2249 -9164, November 2023.
2. *Daughters' Narratives : The Dialectics of Silence and Memory in Second Generation Holocaust Memoirs*, Laura Dameris Chellajothi.D, Teresian Journal of English Studies, ISSN 0975-6302, Vol XIII, Issue IV, Dec 2021
3. *A Palimpsestic Scripting of the Self in the Life Writing of Bama and Maya Angelou*, Chellajothi, Laura Dameris, Published in International Journal of English Language, Literature in Humanities, Vol 6 Issue 12 ISSN -2321-7065, December 2018. P. 260-269.
4. *A Study of Maya Angelou's Ideological Predicaments and Moorings*, Chellajothi, Laura Dameris, pd in *Echoing Cascades* eds. Gomez Sophia and U. Anamica, Feb 2018, p. 36-42. ISBN : 978-93-86712-18-9.
5. *Questioning Collective Identities in the Categories of Caste and Race* published in Satya Nilayam : Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy , No. 26. October 2014.
6. *Herstories : Majoring the Minor Voices- A Study of the Autobiographical works of Bama and Lee Maracle*, published in Gandhigram Literary Review, Vol 3, Summer 2014. ISSN : 2278-8190

7. *Rethorizing Theory – An African American Woman Writer’s Perspective* published in the book, Recent Trends in English Literature edited by Dr. G, Srilata by Prestige Books International, New Delhi 2013. ISBN 9789382186182
8. *Voice Shift as Narrative Strategy in Mahesweta Devi’s Short Story, Shanichari* published in a quarterly research journal The Atlantic Literary Review. Vol.12.No.1. Jan-Mar 2011
9. *Contestation of Intra- Structural Power Shifts in the Categories of Race and Caste in Select Works of Maya Angelou and Bama*, published in the book Reconsidering Social Identification: Race, Gender, Class and Caste edited by Dr. Abdul Jan Mohammed, Chancellor Professor, University of California, Berkeley by Routledge. 2011 ISBN-13: 9780415685672
10. *A Study of African American Women’s Writing as an Exclusive Literary and Theoretical Space*, published in a Bi-Annual Literary Research Journal, Hermes. Vol II.No.2, January 2010. ISSN 09753516
11. *Journey as Metaphor in the Autobiographies of Maya Angelou*, published in an anthology titled Critical Essays in American Literature edited by Dr. K. Balachandran, 2005.
12. *Post Colonial Paradox in V. S. Naipaul’s A Bend in the River*, published in The Atlantic Critical Review. Oct-Dec 2004 Vol.3. No.4

Co authored Articles

1. *Mechanics of Shame in the Process of Dehumanization: A Reading of Gisella Perl’s I was a Doctor in Auschwitz*, Literary Voice (UGC Care Group II Journal) ISSN 2277-4521, March 2023
2. *Mapping Matriarchal Terrain in Helen Epstein’s Where She Came From*, NCC Review, (UGC Care Group I Journal) ISSN 0975-1882, Vol CXLII No.8, September 2022.
3. *Works of Love in Times of Hatred: A Kierkegaardian Reading of Etty Hillesum’s Approach to Love*, Cithara, (UGC Care Group II Journal) ISSN 0009- 7257, Vol. LXI No.2, May 2022.
4. *Familial Connection as a Source of Resilience*, Third Concept : An International Journal of Ideas. (UGC Care Group I Journal) ISSN: 0970 -7247, Vol.36 No.423, May 2022

5. *Re-assessing the Charge of Guilt through Silence by the Roman Catholic Church during the Holocaust*, NCC Review, (UGC Care Group I Journal) ISSN 0975-1882, Vol. CXLII, No. 2, March 2022
6. *Ruth Kluger's Still Alive as a Counter Monument in Timescapes of Memory : A Critique* , Angeline Sorna and Laura Dameris Chellajothi Literary Voice(UGC Care Group II Journal) ISSN 2277-4521 Vol.2, No. 13, Sept 2021
7. *Seeking of Identity and Ontological Security in a Multilingual Context in Ruth Kluger's Still Alive*, Angeline Sorna and Laura Dameris Chellajothi, Our Heritage(UGC listed)ISSN No 1474-9030, Vol 68, Issue 1, Jan 2020.
8. *Thwarting Motherhood, Killing the Unborn: A Study of Matricide and Infanticide in Dr. Gisella Perl's I was a Doctor at Auschwitz* Vimala, Annie and Chellajothi Laura Dameris, Published in International Journal of English Language, Literature in Humanities, Vol 7 Issue 5 ISSN -2321-7065, May 2019.
9. *The Female Dalit Predicament as viewed through Bama's Karukku*, C. Susila and D. Laura Dameris Chellajothi, International Journal of English Language, Literature in Humanities, Vol.6, Issue 10, October 2018
10. *Negotiation of Second Generation Holocaust Identity*, Patricia Sukanya and Laura Delano, Published in International Journal of English Language, Literature and Translation Studies, Vol III Issue III. ISSN -2395-2628, 2016.
11. *Traumatic Memory as a Constant Constituent of Identities* , Patricia Sukanya and Laura Delano published in International Journal of English Language, Literature and Humanities, Volume II Issue IX. 2015 ISSN-2321-7065
SJIF Impact Factor 2.317

Doctoral Degree Supervised/Awarded

1. *A Study of Repositioning and Reconstructing Identities as a Dialogic Continuum in the Select Works of Second Generation Holocaust Life Writing-* Ms. Josephine Patricia Sukanya – Awarded Oct 2018
2. *Reconfiguration of Identities in Select Afghan American/ Canadian Women Life Writings-* Ms.N.Y. Nazneen.- Awarded Feb 2018
3. *Constructing and Consolidating a Female Episteme: A Study of Select Women Life Narratives* - Ms. C. Susila – Awarded 6th May 2021.
4. *A Study of Visceral Violence on Women in Holocaust Based on Select Memoirs-* Ms. D. Annie Vimala – Awarded 23rd May 2023.
5. *A Study of Silence, Memory, Trauma and Hope in Holocaust Life Writing with Special Reference to Etty Hillesum* – Ms. Angeline Sorna – Awarded 27th September 2023

MPhil Dissertations Supervised : 51

Special Invited Lectures : 65

Select Lectures

1. *Feminist Literary Pedagogy and Scholarship*, Refresher Course in Gender Studies, HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 28.02.24
2. *A Phono-Grammatical Analysis of Select Literary Texts*, International Conference on New Paradigms in Pedagogy, Seethalakshmi Ramasami College, Tiruchirappalli, 16/02/2024
3. “A Preview of Holocaust Studies”, NOELS: National Online Expert Lecture Series, Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi, 21.10.2023.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55OIOTDdZPc>)
4. *Revisiting the History of Women Thinkers*, Manarkeni Ilakkiya Vattam, Online Meet, 22.03.2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3esZC-iI1w&t=211s>)
5. *Bakhtinian Dialogism and the Carnavalesque*, Five Day Faculty Development Programme(Online Lecture), Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli 04.03.2022.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhnWQ53pc60>)
6. *The Art of Sadat Hasan Manto*, Refresher Course on Indian Literature, UGC-HRDC(Online), 03.12.21 Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
7. *Language of Research*, PhD Research Scholars at Vellore Institute of Technology, 02.12.21-online.
8. *Questioning Ideologies : A Discussion of Feminist Thought and Ideas*, Short Term Course in Gender Sensitization, UGC-HRDC, Kerala University, Trivandrum, Tiruchirappalli, 12.08.21.
9. *The Path to Genocide: A Holocaust Preview*, National Webinar on the Impact and Aftermath of Genocide in Literature, PSG College of Arts and Science, 30.03.2021.
10. *Semiotics and Media: Theory and Praxis*, Refresher Course in Media Studies, UGC, HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 16.03.21

11. Maya Angelou : A Herstory, Manarkeni Ilakkiya Vattam, Online Meet,09.03.21 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8mI-IdvgHA>)
12. *An Overview of Feminist Movements*, Short Term Course in Gender Sensitisation, UGC, HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 19.08.2020
13. *Literature and Ideas*, National Webinar, Parvathaneni Brahmayya Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 13.07.2020
14. *Lockdown and Literature*, A Three Day International Webinar organized by the PG Department of English, Thiruvalluvar University Constituent College Of Arts and Science, Kallakurichi,Tamil Nadu, 03.07.2020
15. *Literature and Philosophy*, Webinar, Sourashtra College, Madurai, 29.05.20
16. *Stereotyping Ethnicities : A Jewish Perspective* , Two Day International Conference on Ethnicity and Literature, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. 13.02.20
17. *Fallacies in Research Writing* Workshop for Research Scholars, UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, 11.02.20
18. *Nuances in Research Writing*, Short Term Course in Research Methodology, UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli on 01.02.20 and 03.02.20
19. Writing Research Articles and Theses and *Preparing Works Cited* - Two lectures in a one day Workshop , Research in English- Theory and Practice, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, 22.01.20
20. *Understanding Bakhtin* and *Introducing Holocaust Studies* - Invited Lecture for Students and Scholars, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, 11.10.19.

Paper Presentations

1. *The Multi-level Resistance Strategies of Rabbi Abraham Frieder in the Context of Slovakian Jewry during Holocaust*, International Conference, "After 75 Years," Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany , 14-16 November 2019. Presented in absentia, Paper read out by Dr. Sue Vice, Prof of Eng Lit, The University of Sheffield, England.
2. *The Spiritual and the Corporeal : A Comparative Analysis of Thiruvalluvar and Platonic Thought*, Paper presented in the International Conference on Thiruvalluvar, World through the Word, conducted by the School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. March 1-3, 2016.

3. *Reciprocity as Resistance and Contestation : A Bakhtinian Inquiry of the Dalit Self* - Paper presented at the National Seminar on the Philosophical Investigations of the Dalit Self, organized by the Indian Council for Philosophical Research and the Departments of Philosophy, Arulanandar College, Madurai and Loyola College, Chennai. 13th and 14th April 2015.

4. *Questioning Collective Identities in the Categories of Caste, Race and Gender* : Paper presented at National seminar on Identity and Relationality in Democratic Technological Society organized by Dept of Philosophy, Arulanandar College, Madurai and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 17th and 18th December 2014.

5. *An Apology for Translation* – Paper presented at the International Conference on Dec 2013, organized by Forum on Contemporary Theory and the Department of English, Mysore University, Mysore.

6. *Herstories : Majoring the Minor Voices- A Study of the Autobiographical works of Bama and Lee Maracle* – Paper Presented at International Journal of Arts and Science Conference, held at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada from May 20-23, 2013

7. *Disciplinary Decadence: An Enquiry* at the International Conference on “Transcending Disciplinary Decadence: Exploring Challenges of Teaching, Scholarship, and Research in the Humanities and the Social Sciences” Date: 18–21 December 2011 organized by Forum on Contemporary Theory and IIS University, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

8. *Detheorizing theory : An African American Women Writers’ Perspective.* Paper presented at the 40th Annual Conference jointly organized by Indian Association for American Studies (IAAS) and Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 16.8.2010.

9. *Contestation of Intra- Structural Power Shifts in the Categories of Race and Caste in Select Works of Maya Angelou and Bama*, International Conference organized by Forum on Contemporary Theory and Samyukta, Trivandrum December 2009.

10. *Voice Shift as a Narrative Strategy in Mahasweta Devi's Short Story Shanichari,*” and was selected as the Best Paper in a National Conference held at Karunya University, Coimbatore. November 2008
11. *Self Discovery through Ideological Predicament : A Study of the Public Role of Maya Angelou,* UGC sponsored National Seminar, Fatima College, Madurai, 2004
12. *Deconstructing and Reconstruction History : A Post Colonial Perspective,* UGC National Seminar, Dept of History, Bharathidasan University, 2004.
13. *Cultural Identity Crisis as Revealed in Indian Culture and Contemporary Literature,* State Level Seminar on Changing Perspectives of Language, Gender and Culture, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, 2002.

Participated, Organized, Co-ordinated

- Coordinated Naan Mudhalvan, Massive Upskilling Program, FDP for all Affiliated College Professors(English) of Bharathidasan University, February 2023, July 2023.
- Organized, a Special Lecture on *Indigenous Writers of Canada,* by Dr. Ananda Vijaya, Assistant Professor, Gandhigram Rural University, Dindigul, 27.02.20 under the auspices of Centre for Canadian Studies.
- Coordinator, UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course in English Language and Literature, UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, from 01.08.2019-14.08.2019
- Coordinator, Bharathidasan University Students Induction Programme (BDUSIP)-2019 from 08.07.2019-12.07.2019 and 2021
- Attended a Short Term Course on Student Counselling and Mentoring for College/University Teachers organized by the UGC-HRDC, University of Kerala from 24.10.2018-31.10.2019
- Attended a Short Term Course on Gender Sensitization organized by the UGC-HRDC , Bharathidasan University from 21-27th March 2018.
- Organized a Three Day Workshop on Literary Theories : Approach and Application from 16th- 18th February, 2016 Dept of English, Bharathidasan University.
- Alumni Member IQAC Committee, Lady Doak College, Madurai, 30.11.15 and 22.06.16
- Panel Discussion, Member at the National Seminar on Honour Crimes in India conducted by the Dept of Women's Studies, BDU Trichy on 31 Jan 2015
- Attended the Refresher Course in Comparative Literature, conducted by UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Hyderabad, from 8.1.14-28.1.14
- Co-ordinator, Refresher Course in English conducted by UGC – Academic Staff College, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli from 24.9.13- 14.10.13

- Participated in a week long UGC - SAM workshop held at Bharathidasan University from 18.1.12-21.1.12
- Participated in a month long contact cum examination programme of PGCTE course held at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. 21.6.11-19.7.11.
- Jointly organized a Four-Day workshop on English for Competitive Examinations and Communication Skills from 2.3.2010- 5.3.2010 at the Department of English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
- Five- day Orientation Workshop on *E-Content Development*, conducted by Consortium for Educational communication, New Delhi and Department of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan University, 2008.
- Two day workshop on *Access to e-Resources and Digital Library Consortium* organized by University Library, Bharathidasan University in collaboration with Inlibnet Centre, Ahmedabad. 2008.
- Three day workshop on An Introduction to General Semantics, organized by the Centre for Contemporary Theory, Vadodara from 3.11.07-4.11.07

Extension Activities

- Invited Lecture *Plastic Debris in the Ocean* at District Science Centre, Tirunelveli, organized by Tamil Nadu Government's National Green Corps on 5.6.18.
- Regular trainer for NET/SLET Examination coaching every six months conducted by the Centre for Youth Development and Studies , Bharathidasan University and for various colleges in Tiruchirappalli from 2001.
- Expert Committee Member for the Study Abroad Programme English Language Test, conducted by Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education (TANSICHE), Chennai on 23rd January 2013.
- Inaugural Address of all the Co curricular Clubs at St.Joseph's Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School for Girls, Tiruchirappalli on 22.6.2012
- Resource Person, Career Guidance Meet, organized by the District Collector, T. Soundaiah, Tiruchirappalli Academy for Competitive Exams(TRACE) and Tiruchirappalli District Welfare Fund Committee (DWFC), 3.5.10.