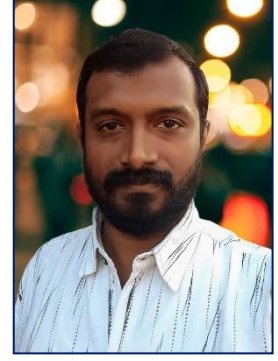


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**Qualification** : M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.  
**Areas of Interest** : Indigenous Literatures, Communication Studies  
**Work Experience** : **Assistant Professor of English**  
Gandhigram Rural University since June 2011  
**Assistant Professor of English**  
The American College, Madurai, TN, India  
(Jan 2005-Jun 2011)  
**Tamil Language Instructor**  
American Institute of Indian Studies  
Madurai, Tamil Nadu  
(May 2003-October 2004)

### Fellowship Awarded

- Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2016-17 (22 August 2016 to 21 May 2017) at the University of Montana, Missoula, MT under the supervision of Prof. Kate Shanley, Professor of Native American Studies, UM.

### Research

- Awarded PhD for thesis titled “Being Native: A TribalCrit Reading of Select Twentieth-Century Indigenous Novels” by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU) – April 2021 with “Highly Commended” citation
- Currently guiding four research scholars towards their doctoral degrees.

### Publications

- “Indigenous Resilience in Nugi Garimara’s *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence*” in *The Expression*, Volume 7, Issue 2, April 2021.
- Translated Short Stories of Ramesh Pokriyal Nishank into Tamil – published by The Gandhigram Rural Institute - 2019
- **Functional English II**, published by NCBH, Chennai, 2018.
- “TribalCrit and its Applications in Reading Indigenous Literatures” in *Gandhigram Literary Review*, Volume 6, 2017.
- “Adivasi and Dalit Writings: Are They Comparable on the Same Plane? A Reading of Narayan’s *Kocharethi and Sivakami’s The Grip of Change*” in *The Voice International* (Annamalai University, Chidambaram), 2016.
- “Parallel Struggles; Paralleling Identities: A Reading of Two Native Novels” in *Voice of the Other: Understanding Marginal Identities* ed. Vulli Dhanaraju. New Delhi: Gyan Books, 2016.

- “His Story, Her Story and History: Competing Stories in Louise Erdrich’s *Tracks*” in *Disnarration: The Unsaid Matters* ed. Sudha Shastri. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2016.
- Co-authored *Language and Literature*. Chennai: Paavai Publications, 2013. (ISBN 817735087-0)
- “Nativism in Narayan’s *Kocharethi*” in *Mapping Territories* ed. Felix Moses and Samuel Rufus. Chennai: PG & Research Department of English, Madras Christian College. 2012. pp180-191. (ISBN 978-93-81208-05-2)
- “Pudumaipittan’s “Deliverance from the Curse”: The Emergence of the New Woman from Mythology” in *Gender and Development in Asian Literature*. Madurai: SCILET, 2009.

### **Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Attended and Papers Presented**

- Presented a paper titled “Adivasi and Dalit Writings: Are They Comparable on the Same Plane? A Reading of Narayan’s *Kocharethi* and Sivakami’s *The Grip of Change*” at the National Seminar on Dalit Writings: Resistance and Reconstruction, organised by the Annamalai University, Chidambaram on 27-29 July 2015.
- Presented a paper titled “Parallel Struggles, Paralleling Identities: A Reading of Two Native Novels” in the *International Conference on Contesting ‘Self’ and ‘Other’* organised by Assam University, Diphu, Assam on 27-28 March 2015.
- Participated in the *UGC Sponsored Workshop on Methodology of Research, Role of Educational Technology, Social Responsibility of Universities and Colleges*, organised by the Academic Staff College, Pondicherry University on 21-22 August 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “The Legacy of Lincoln, Gandhi, and King” at the *National Seminar on Globalising Justice, Peace, Democracy & Development* organised by the Department of Political Science and Development Administration, GRI on 26-27 March 2014.
- Presented a paper titled “Then is Kanthi our King? The Absence of History in Narayan’s *Kocharethi*” at the *International Conference on Contesting Tribal Subalternity: Social & Cultural Challenges in India* organised by the Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Hyderabad on 29-30 July 2013.
- Participated in the *Workshop on English Language Teaching* organised by the British Council, Chennai on 21 December 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “His Story, Her Story and History: Competing Stories in Louise Erdrich’s *Tracks*” at the *International Seminar on Disnarration: The Road Not Taken* organised by IIT Bombay, Mumbai on 1-2 March 2013.
- Presented a paper titled “Representing the Native: A Reading of Narayan’s *Kocharethi*” at the *UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Indian English Fiction of the New Millennium* organised by the Faculty of English & Foreign Languages, GRI on 11-12 February 2013.
- Participated in the *UGC sponsored Workshop on Research Methodology* organized by the Faculty of English and Foreign Languages, GRI-DU on 27-28 September 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “The Oral Tradition in the Kunkana Ramayan” at *UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Indian Poetry in English* organized by the Faculty of English and Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Gandhigram on 1&2 February 2012.

- Presented a paper titled “Nativism in Narayan’s Kocharethi” at *UGC-Sponsored One-Day National Seminar on Post-Independence Indian Writing in English: Theory and Praxis* organized by the Department of English, Madras Christian College, Chennai on 12 March 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Pudumaipittan’s “Deliverance from the Curse”: The Emergence of the New Woman from Mythology” at the *International Conference on Gender and Development in Asian Literature* organized by SCILET, The American College, Madurai – May 2007.
- Presented a paper titled “Pantheism vs. Mainstreaming: A Study of Louise Erdrich’s Tracks” in *National Conference on Ecology and Literature* organised by Bishop Heber College, Trichy, 2008.
- Presented a paper titled “Cultural Self-Definition in Louise Erdrich’s Tracks” at the *National Seminar on Literary Theories* organised by Lady Doak College, Madurai, 2008.
- Presented a paper titled “The Dilemma of the Native: A Study of Louise Erdrich’s Tracks” at the *National Seminar on Native Literature* organized by PSGR College for Women, Coimbatore, 2008.

### **Programmes Organised**

- Coordinator for “The Road Less Travelled: National Webinar on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Trends in Literary Studies” on 15 July 2022.
- Joint Coordinator for *UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Indigenous Literatures* on 5-6 March 2020.
- Joint Coordinator for *UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Indian English Fiction of the New Millennium* on 11-12 February 2013.

### **Training Programmes Attended**

- Participated in *UGC sponsored Refresher Course* organised by UGC-Human Resources Development Centre, Pondicherry University, August 2023.
- Participated in the Third JNU Workshop on Empowering Teaching through Online Mode – June 2020
- Completed ARPIT Refresher Programme on English Language Teaching, organised by Gujarat University, September to December 2019.
- Participated in National Workshop on e-Content Development, organised by School of Education, GRI, February-March 2019.
- Participated in Faculty Development Programme on Global Business Foundation Skills, organised by Infosys, Mangalore, August 2017.
- Participated in *Training Programme on Multimedia for E-Content Development & Training* organised by Centre for e-Content Development & Training, March 2014.
- *UGC sponsored Refresher Course* organised by Academic Staff College, Madurai Kamaraj University, November 2013.
- Participated in *UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme* organised by the Academic Staff College, Madurai Kamaraj University from 15 November 2012 to 12 December 2012.

- Participated in *Orientation Programme for NSS Programme Officers* organised by the Empanelled Training Institution, Avinashilingam University from 31 October 2012 to 6 November 2012.

### **Talks Delivered**

- Delivered a Guest Lecture on “Professional Ethics” at ANJA College, Sivakasi on 19 December 2023.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Themes and Motifs in Indigenous Literatures” at SVN College, Madurai on 12 September 2023.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Literature for Life” at GTN College, Dindigul on 27 July 2023.
- Delivered a lecture on “Life to the Lees: Upskilling Students of Literature” – Keynote Address at Thiagarajar College, Madurai on 11 October 2022.
- Delivered a lecture on “Indigenous Literatures” – Keynote Address at Fatima College, Madurai on 19 September 2022.
- Delivered a lecture on “Indigenous Literatures” – Keynote Address at LitHit 2022 at Bishop Heber College, Trichy on 26 April 2022.
- Delivered a lecture on “Native American Literature” at Seminar on English Literature and Literary Theories at Mary Matha College, Periyakulam on 30 March 2022.
- Delivered a lecture on “Ethics, Responsibilities & Opportunities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student” at Induction Programme at UCE, Anna University, Dindigul on 12 November 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on “Employability Skills for the New Generation” at Faculty Development Programme at Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi on 25 September 2021.
- Delivered a Special Lecture at Oratorium at Arulanandar College Karumathur on 12 February 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on “Skill Sets for a Great Career” at 12 day Training on Career Skills at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 16 July 2020.
- Delivered a lecture on “Employability Skills for Youth” at 2 week FDP at Anna Univ. UCE, Dindigul on 17 December 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Non-verbal Communication” at 2 week FDP at Anna Univ. UCE, Dindigul on 14 December 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Modern Age to contemporary British Literature” at Faculty Enrichment Programme at Bishop Heber College, Trichy on 23 November 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Contemporary British Literature” – a Guest Lecture at Bishop Heber College, Trichy on 12 September 2018.
- Delivered the Inaugural Address at Speakpark at Arulanandar College Karumathur on 02 August 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Native American Literature” at Symposium on Indigenous Literature at Pope’s College Sawyerpuram on 16 April 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Teaching to the Future: The Teacher in the Digital Divide” at Seminar on Recent Trends in Teaching of English at GTN Arts College Dindigul on 21 February 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Literature – Mirror of Life” at Lit Fest 2018 at SBOA Matric Hr.Sec. School, Madurai on 03 February 2018.

- Delivered the Chief Guest Address at the Reader’s Club, Parvathy’s Arts and Science College, Dindigul on 22 December 2017
- Delivered a guest lecture on “Native American Literature” at The American College, Madurai in October 2017.
- Delivered Invited Lectures on the following topics during the Fulbright Fellowship – August 2016-May 2017.

Invited Talk on “Education in India”	Symposium on Education in India	Salish Kootenai College, Montana, USA
Invited Talk on “India’s Diversity and Education”	Symposium on India	Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Missoula, MT, USA
Invited Talk on “Diversity in India”	Graduate Seminar	University of Montana, USA

- Delivered an Invited Lecture on “E-Content: The Smarter Way of Teaching” at The Thassim Beevi Abdul Khader College for Women, Kilakkarai on 14 June 2016.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture on New Methods for Improving Communication Skills at Hayagreeva College on 20 January 2015.
- Resource Person for UGC –NET Coaching classes for M.A./M.Phil. students at Lady Doak College, Madurai – December 2011-Janary 2012.
- Resource Person for Placement Training Program at Anna University College of Engineering, Nagercoil – 8 September 2012.
- Facilitator at Annual Creative Writing Workshops, Kodiakanal, organized by SCILET, Madurai and Kodaikanal International School since 2006.

### Other Responsibilities

- Member, Selection Board for Teaching Staff, NPR College, Natham – July 2022
- Member, Doctoral Committee, Anna University, Chennai – July 2022
- Member, Selection Panel for Teaching Staff, TBAK College, Kilakkarai – June 2016
- Coordinator for Personality Development and Leadership Club, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University since July 2012.
- Member, IQAC, GRI since 2021
- Member, IQAC Working Committee, GRI; 2014 - 2021.
- Coordinator for English Literary Association, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University since July 2011.
- Programme Officer, National Service Scheme (NSS), since 2012.
- Technical Assistance for *Gandhigram Literary Review*, since 2013.
- Member/Invitee, Board of Studies in English, GRI, since 2011.
- External Member, Board of Studies in English, Pope’s College, Sawyerpuram
- External Member, Board of Studies in English, Mannar Tirumalai Naiker College, Madurai
- External Member, Board of Studies in English, SFR College, Sivakasi
- Quiz Master in General and Literary Competitions, Fatima College Madurai and The American College, Madurai