

ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, KOZHENCHERRY

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Qualification : M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.

Area of Specialization

: Postcolonial Indian Literature

Faculty Development Programme during 2007-2014:

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences attended during 2007-2014

1. UGC sponsored seminar on Dalit Life Narratives St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 3 December, 2014.
2. National Seminar on An Interface: Convergence of Theories and Techniques, Dept. of English, Baselius College, Kottayam, 4 October, 2013.
3. UGC sponsored national seminar on Event and , Memory and Literature: Trauma Narratives of the Indian Subcontinent, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 5-6 September, 2013.
4. UGC Sponsored Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education Management Skills Enhancement Modules Workshop, Anna University, Chennai. 23 -28 April 2012.
5. UGC Sponsored Six Days Training of Trainers Workshop on Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education Management, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Bangalore. 20 -25 February 2012.
6. PG Syllabus Revision Workshop, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 31 Jan-1Feb. 2012.
7. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Literature and Psychology, Dept. of English, Baselius College, Kottayam, 9 December, 2011.
8. UGC Sponsored Five-day Training on Soft Skills, Academic Staff .College, Thiruvananthapuram, 22-26 August 2011.
9. UGC Sponsored Workshop on Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education SD College, Alappuzha. 14-18 September 2010.
10. UGC Sponsored National Conference on the Linguistic, Cultural and Artistic Heritage of the Tribal People of India, SD College, Kanjirappally, 4-5 February 2010.
11. Regional Training Programme on Semesterisation, Credit and Grading System, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 10 August 2009 .
12. Workshop on Wider Ecumenism and Education for Teachers, ECC, Bangalore, 30 April-5 May 2007.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences organized during 2007-2014

1. UGC Sponsored Sensitisation, Motivation and Awareness Workshop under Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 26 February- 1 March 2013.
2. Indian Literary Historiography and Counter Currents in Postcoloniality, Postgraduate Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 27-28 September 2011.
3. Seminar on Print Media, Postgraduate Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 25 January 2010.
4. One-day Department Level Orientation Programme on Restructuring Undergraduate Education, Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 4 August 2009.
5. Seminar on Post Structuralism and Politics of Narration, Postgraduate Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 29 October 2007.

Participation in academic activities other than Teaching and Research

Convenor- St. Thomas College Diamond Jubilee Programme Committee 2013-14.

Trainer- UGC Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education SAM Workshop.

Chief Editor, *REYONO journal of interdisciplinary studies* since 2012.

Member, College Planning Board 2013-.

Member, Centre for Women Studies 2013-2014.

Member, Anti-ragging Committee 2013-2014

Convenor, Student Support and Progression subcommittee of IQAC 2011-

Co-ordinator, Counselling and Orientation 2009-

Staff Advisor, College Magazine 2009-10

Co-ordinator , Alumni Association, Dept. of English 2008-11

Involvement in curriculum re-structuring

Participated in the PG Syllabus Revision Workshop, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 31 Jan-1Feb. 2012

Participation in Research activities

Approved Research Guide of Mahatma Gandhi University

Area of Research: Postcolonial Indian Literature

Research Paper presentations

1. Politics of Land and Gender in Sarah Joseph's *Gift in Green*. International Conference on Towards Ecocultural Ethics: Recent Trends and Future Directions. Birla Institute of Technology and Science, KK Birla Goa Campus, Goa. 9-10 October 2014.
2. Female Life Narratives as Culture Study. Women's World Congress. 17-22 August 2014, University of Hyderabad.
3. Light and Shadow: Historiography of Kerala Women. National Seminar on Gender and Education in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts. CMS College, Kottayam 12-13 December 2013.
4. Globalisation and its Impact on Women and Family. Kerala Council of Churches, Women's Commission, Sophia Centre, 25 August 2012.
5. Bulldozed for Development: The Fictional World of Narayan. CHOTRO International Seminar on Imagining the Intangible. Vadodara, 6-8 January 2012.
6. Adoption Stress: Jaishree Misra's *A Scandalous Secret*. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Literature and Psychology, Baselius College, Kottayam. 8-9 Dec 2011.
7. Politics of Writing the Self: Personal Narratives from Kerala, UGC Sponsored National Seminar on *Indian Literary Historiography and Counter Currents in Postcoloniality*, Postgraduate Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 27-28 September 2011.
8. Narrating Tribal Entity: Reading of *Mavelimantam*, *Kocherethi*, and *Ooralikkudi*, CHOTRO International Conference on Indigenous Peoples in the Postcolonial World IGCNA New Delhi, 02-05 January 2008.
9. The Unwed Mothers of Wayanad: A Novelistic Exploration, National Seminar on History and Politics in Contemporary Indian Literature. SN College, Kollam, 23-24 September, 2010

Publications

1. Mapping the Contested Terrain of Indian Literary Historiography. *European Academic Research* 3.2 June 2014. ISSN 2286-4822
2. The Unwed Mothers of Wayanad: A Man-Nature Interface. *Indian Journal of World Literature and Culture*. Vol. 9 & 10 July 2013. ISSN 2229-7251. 152-156.

3. Chandu Menon's Indulekha: The Harbinger of Paradigm Shift. *Interactions* Volume 2.1 (2013). ISSN 2277-3940
4. Hyphenated Identity; Immigrant Mindscape in Bharati Mukherjee's *Tiger's Daughter*. *Baraton Interdisciplinary Research Journal* 3.1(2013). ISSN 2079-4711.
5. Fluid Identity: Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine*. *The Criterion: An International Journal in English* 3.4, 2013. ISSN 097681653.
6. Personal and Professional: *The Dark Holds No Terrors*, *Interactions* Volume 1.2 (2012).
7. K.Saraswathyamma: The Forgotten Pioneer of Feminist Writing in Malayalam, *Malalayalam Literary Survey*, Kerala Sahitya Akademi, April-September 2010
8. Voices of the Silenced: A Reading of Shashi Deshpande's Novels. *Critical Studies on Contemporary Indian English Women Writers*(Ed). New Delhi: Sarup, 2010
9. Narrating Tribal Entity: *Mavelimantam, Kocherethi, and Ooralikkudi, Voice and Memory: Indigenous Imagination and Expression*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2009
10. Voices of the Silenced: A Reading of Shashi Deshpande's Novels. *IJPCL* 9.2(2009).

Projects

- 1.UGC Minor Research Project. *The Contours of OF Tribal Culture: The Fictional World of Narayan* 2013-15.
- 2.UGC Minor Research Project. *The Fictional Canvas of K. Saraswathyamma: The Forgotten Pioneer of Feminism in Kerala*, 2008-10.

Participation as Resource Person/Subject Expert

- 1.Resource Person. Peer Education Programme for Students of Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta Districts, VHSE Directorate. 9 December 2014
2. Resource Person. Career Guidance and Counselling Training for Career Masters and Souhruda Club Coordinators of Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta Districts, VHSE Directorate 10 December 2014.
3. Subject Expert, Inspection Committee, Department of English, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta for recognition as Research Centre.
4. Chair, International Conference on Towards Ecocultural Ethics: Recent Trends and Future Directions. Birla Institute of Technology and Science, KK.Birla Goa Campus, Goa. 9-10 October 2014.

5. Resource Person, Refresher Course in Gender Studies, Academic Staff College, University of Calicut, 24 February, 2014.
6. Chair, National Seminar on Gender and Education in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts. CMS College, Kottayam 12-13 December 2013.
7. Keynote address, Inauguration of Women Cell, St. Cyril's College, Adoor 25 September 2013.
8. Chair, National Seminar on An Interface: Convergence of Theories and Techniques, Dept. of English, Baselius College, Kottayam, 4 September 2013.
9. Counselling for Plus one students and their parents, CMS Higher Secondary School, Kuzhikkala. 8 July 2013.
10. Women and Governance, UGC Sponsored Sensitisation, Motivation and Awareness Workshop, CMS College, Kottayam, 17 April, 2013.
11. Women and Governance, UGC Sponsored Sensitisation, Motivation and Awareness Workshop, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 27 February, 2013.
12. Women and Governance, UGC Sponsored Sensitisation, Motivation and Awareness Workshop, CUSAT, Kochi, 23 January 2013.
13. Chair, Panel Discussion on Should Writers Be Campaigners? Jaishree Misra and Meena Kandasami, Bagshaw Literary Festival, cms College, Kottayam, 05 January 2013.
14. Defining Space, SD College, Alappuzha, 22 November 2012
15. Induction Programme, Department of English, Christian College, Chengannur, 10 August 2012
16. Orientation Programme for DC1 English, 30 July 2012
17. Trainer, UGC Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education February 2012-9. Communicative English Programme for Teachers, Syrian Jacobite School, Tiruvalla, 12 April 2012.
18. Chair, UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Literature and Psychology, Dept. of English, Baselius College, Kottayam, 9 December, 2011.
19. Literature of the Other, Department of English, St. Mary's College, Manarcadu, 20 December 2011
20. Resource Person, UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Learning to Be: Problems and Prospects towards Developmental Education SN College, Kollam, 18 March 2011.

21. Effective Teaching, Marthoma Training College, Ranny, 8 November 2010
22. Value Based Education, Assumption College, Changanacherry, 16 September 2010
23. Value Based Education, Assumption College, Changanacherry, 14 July 2010
24. Trainer, Faculty Training on Life Skills and Soft Skills, SCSTDD Project on Finishing School, University of Kerala 29 November-1 January 2010

Participation in Extension Activities/Consultation

1. Teaching Communication Skills at CMS UP School, Punnackad. 28-11-2013.
2. Teaching Communication Skills at CMS UP School, Punnackad. 28-11-2014.

Achievements

Selected for Associateship of the UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) functioning at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for three years from 2015.